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## UNIONS ENDORSE CONGRESS AGAINST WAR

### May Day Parade Up Market Street Called By Conference

#### 50 At Gallup Face Murder Charge; 3 Released Thru ILD

Sheriff Carmichael  
Killed By Sheriff  
Roberts

SANTA FE, N. M., April 15.—Preliminary hearings of the fifty Gallup workers, including seven women, begin here tomorrow on a charge of first degree murder arising out of the death of Sheriff Carmichael when he and his deputies attacked a crowd of workers a week ago.

Carmichael, it is reliably reported by eyewitnesses, was killed by accident by his deputy, the present Acting Sheriff Roberts during their attack on unemployed workers.

An additional charge is being prepared to get these working class leaders behind the bars for some time or executed, but its exact nature has not been made public by the prosecution.

The original number of fifty-four has been reduced by the death in jail hospital, by poison it is rumored, of Salomon Esquibel, and the release of three others. The latter three like many others held on the frameup charges were not even present in the crowd when the murderous attack occurred, but were at work in the (Continued on Page 4, Col. 6.)

#### Roosevelt Gang Fights Workers' Bill In Congress

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16.—In response to demands of millions of workers, employed and unemployed, House supporters of the Workers Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill, H. R. 2827, actively continued their fight for the bill. Meanwhile the Roosevelt Administration machine pressed forward the Wagner-Lewis-Douglas fake social security bill.

Representative Vito Marcantonio (Rep., N. Y.) called a special meeting of progressive and liberal members of the House to hear Mary Van Kleeck, national chairman of the Inter-professional Association and director of the Industrial Studies for the Russell Sage Foundation, speak on the Workers Bill. Marcantonio added he would call upon them to rally for a determined, organized fight for H. R. 2827.

The Roosevelt machine has called into action the trick "rule of procedure" action in order to gain precedence for the Wagner fake bill but individual members of the House have been forced to go on record for or against the rule and have been frightened at the prospect of taking responsibility for supporting the Workers Bill.

In fact, the whole matter of whether or not the Workers Bill will be brought up for consideration in the House depends upon the matter of individual responsibility. The Administration is attempting to protect some of its henchmen and at the same time it is hoping the Wagner-Lewis-Douglas concoction will be able to gain precedence.

Only a continued mass pressure upon representatives to force action on the Workers Bill will win the desired action. Workers throughout the country are urged to write to their representatives, demanding the passage of H. R. 2827.

#### Esquibel, Gallup Communist Leader Poisoned in Jail

SANTA FE, N. M., April 12.—Salomon Esquibel, 38, shot by special deputies during the attack on miners and unemployed workers in Gallup last week, died in a hospital at Gallup today before either prosecution or defense could obtain a statement from him.

Esquibel was shot in the spine and since the police attack had been held under police guard. Defense attorneys were not permitted to see him before his death.

According to a rumor general among the workers of Gallup, Esquibel was poisoned while in the hospital. Yesterday he was reported to be in a better condition and on the road to recovery, but today he became rapidly worse and his death was a shock to the Gallup workers.

Esquibel was a member of the Section Committee of the Communist Party and very active in the International Labor Defense and in the Unemployed Local of the National Miners Union. He was married and had two children. A native of El Paso, Texas, he had been a resident of Gallup for twelve years. He was formerly a coal miner and a fire boss, but he had been unemployed during the past three months.

Preparations are being made for a mass funeral for Esquibel in Gallup next week, under auspices of Gallup Section of the Communist Party.

#### Wm. Green, Akron Unite To Betray Rubber Strike

GOODYEAR, FIRESTONE,  
GOODRICH PLANTS  
AFFECTED

BULLETIN  
WASHINGTON, April 14.—Wm. Green, A. F. L. president and the Akron, Ohio, rubber bosses got together yesterday and finally announced that they had halted the general strike voted by workers in the rubber industry without the workers gaining a thing. Goodyear, Goodrich and Firestone companies and their 35,000 workers were affected.

The bargain was concluded on the basis of the management meeting representatives of any group of employees, that the company would post on its bulletin board any changes in hours, wages, or working conditions, and that the A. F. L. would recognize postponement of elections in the Firestone and Goodrich plants until company appeals in court were concluded. This latter gives opportunity for indefinitely spiking action.

Promised no discrimination during the course of the appeals was given.

Whether these terms will be (Continued on Page 4, Col. 2.)

#### 4000 Students At U. C. Join In Anti-War Strike

TWO GIRLS BEATEN  
UNCONSCIOUS BY  
L. A. POLICE

Nation-Wide Strike  
CAMPUS HEADS JOIN HOOD-  
LUM ATTACK ON STUD-  
ENT STRIKERS

BERKELEY, Calif., April 13.—Four thousand University of California students, with practical unanimity, backed the resolutions presented by the militant strike committee at the demonstration held here yesterday on the occasion of the international student anti-war strikes.

A few disrupters in the crowd, by means of loud shouts, attempted to give the impression that there was a large body of students opposed to the resolutions. When, however, the chairman, Richard Criley of the League for Industrial Democracy, called for a vote by hands, it was seen that there was a group of less than 20 students who opposed the resolutions, and by the time the final resolution was presented, there was only one Fascist hoodlum who raised his hand to vote opposition to a boycott of Hearst.

\* Handbill Fight Won.

During the course of the anti-strike campaign, over fifty thousand leaflets were distributed—an average of five leaflets to every student on the campus. The students also succeeded in forcing a revision of the handbill ordinance, under which 18 of them had been arrested, which now recognizes the legality of distributing these leaflets.

Mass support from the population of Berkeley was won for the students as a result of their strike. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1.)

#### ANTI-WAR AND FASCISM MEET IN S. F. APRIL 28

ASSEMBLYMEN, FRATERNAL  
GROUPS AND TRADE  
UNIONS SUPPORT

Plan 500 Delegates

RADIO BROADCAST TO TELL  
PURPOSE OF  
CONGRESS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—More than 500 delegates are expected to attend the Pacific Coast Congress Against War and Fascism to be held here April 28 in Carpenters Hall, 112 Valencia st.

RADIO BROADCAST  
Tune in at the Congress  
Broadcast over Station KR  
OW, Wednesday night, April  
17, between 7:45 and 8 o'clock  
Main speaker, Dr. Paul Radin,  
former professor of anthropology  
at the University of California,  
Station KGGC refused the Congress  
broadcast, after reading a copy of the  
talk to be given. The war-  
mongers can dish it out but  
can't take it. Get your friends  
to listen over Station KROW  
Wednesday night.

Trade union endorsements of the struggle against imperialist war and incipient fascism have come in from all over the West. In addition, representatives of numerous fraternal, religious and political organizations from every West Coast State, and a delegation from the Northwest Congress Against War and Fascism will attend.

Endorsements have been received from California State Assemblyman Paul Richie of San Diego, (Continued on Page 4, Col. 1.)

#### Marine Fed. To Have Charge Of Tanker Dispute

PLYLE AND O'GRADY GIVEN  
TEMPORARY CHARGE OF  
MARINE CONVENTION

Scab Tankers Moving

SEATTLE STRIKER SHOT  
BY RICHFIELD OIL  
COMPANY THUGS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—The focal point in the coastwise tanker strike yesterday shifted from San Francisco to Seattle where the West Coast Marine Federation Convention now is in progress.

Oil company guards at Seattle fired shotguns at a group of pickets who attempted to prevent scabs from unloading gasoline from the Aleutian, Richfield motor ship. Friday the ship had attempted to dock but was driven back by militant strikers. One seaman-striker was arrested by police sent to protect the company and the scabs. Another striking seaman, Mike Lotter, was wounded in the leg as company thugs fired at the pickets.

\* Tankers move.

Meanwhile, oil companies continued to move scab-manned tankers as reactionary officials of the sailors consistently refused to allow mass picketing. Five tankers still are tied up here, however. Many of the original striking seamen have shipped out due to the self-out tactics of the Scharrenberg-Larsen clique.

Actual conduct of the strike from now on will be in the hands of the Marine Federation. Monday, E. B. O'Grady of the Masters, Mates and Pilots was chosen temporary chairman of the Convention, and Roy Pyle of the (Continued on Page 4, Col. 3.)

#### C. S. Convictions To Be Protested In May Day Mass Demonstrations

#### Bail Denied For C. S. PRISONERS

News comes as we go to press that Judge Lemmon has denied bail to the eight Criminal Syndicalism victims who are being held in the Sacramento County jail pending appeal of their convictions to a higher court. This is one of the most serious developments in the C. S. case and throws an immediate task on the shoulders of the California working class.

Refusal to set bail pending appeal is an out of the ordinary restriction. Criminals of every sort are accorded this right. But these prisoners are not criminals; they are working class organizers railroaded to penitentiary sentences of one to fourteen years for organizing the agricultural workers and the unemployed. The court and the financial interests that engineered the frame-up fear that the defendants will address mass meetings exposing the nature of the case against them. The right of bail pending appeal was not denied the workers convicted of C. S. charges in the State of Oregon.

The defendants were sentenced last Wednesday, at which time, before a courtroom crowded with workers, Judge Lemmon refused to announce that he would not permit bail. Instead he said that he would delay his decision for a few days and meanwhile take the matter under advisement.

Yesterday he stated: "The court is of the persuasion that the only condition which will warrant the granting of bail pending appeal is where the health of the defendant would be definitely imperiled through imprisonment while the appeal is pending."

Following the decision, Defense Attorney Leo Gallagher attempted to see Lemmon about the case, but the judge hid in his chambers for two hours with the door locked and later sneaked out a side door.

In the afternoon, Gallagher returned to Lemmon's court where the bailiff informed him that the judge would see him in (Continued on Page 4, Col. 4.)

#### Demand "No New Indictments Against The Scottsboro Boys"

STATEMENT OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE

The tremendous victory of the reversal of the death sentences against the Scottsboro Boys imposes new and greater tasks than ever before upon the entire revolutionary and labor movement in its struggle for national liberation of the Negro people.

The first of these tasks is the development of a broader movement than ever before, to push this victory to its conclusion—the unconditional and safe release of the Scottsboro boys.

The lynchers are determined to reindict the Scottsboro boys. They have expressed their intention of going through with their plans to burn these boys.

NEW INDICTMENTS LOOM

The State of Alabama is preparing to hand down new indictments against the Scottsboro Boys, preparing to make them face once more new frame-up trials, new living deaths, and finally the electric chair.

This is what we must now fight to defeat. Flood the Alabama officials, Governor Bibb Graves, Lieutenant Governor Thomas E. Knight, the State Supreme Court, all at Montgomery, with the demands:

No new indictments against the Scottsboro boys!  
Immediate, unconditional freedom for the nine innocent Scottsboro boys!

COST TO BE GREAT

This demand from the millions of toilers must be backed by legal steps, writs, briefs and other expensive moves which the courts put in the way of execution even of their own decisions.

Together with the development of the mass campaign for the freedom of the Scottsboro boys and Angelo Herndon, whose case now goes before the U. S. Supreme Court. These steps will cost tremendous sums.

To date the I. L. D. has spent more than \$75,000 in the Scottsboro struggle.

Within the next two months the I. L. D. must raise \$20,000. The daily expenses are very heavy. Thousands of dollars are needed immediately.

HUGE RESPONSIBILITY

Never in the history of the labor defense movement has any organization been faced with the responsibility now shouldered by the International Labor Defense.

We appeal to all working class organizations, to all friends of labor and the Negro liberation movement to once more lend support in raising fighting funds to organize and carry on the battle. Add your contribution as a challenge to the torture-chamber system, to the fight for the freedom of the Scottsboro boys, Angelo Herndon, and all class-war prisoners. Rush funds immediately to the International Labor Defense, Room 610, 80 E. 11th Street, New York City.

#### Largest Turnout Yet Is Predicted For May 1

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—A mass parade up Market street will feature the May Day demonstration of San Francisco labor. The march will start at the Embarcadero and end at Marshall Green in Civic Center where an open air meeting will be held. This was announced by the May Day Conference, consisting of delegates from San Francisco trade unions and workers' organizations, which met Sunday, April 14, at Redmen's Hall to plan the united front demonstration. In the evening, a great mass

\* PARTY COMRADES

All Communist Party members who are unable to follow the International slogan of "Down Tool on May Day," must contribute their full day's wages for May 1 to the Party. Half of this will go to the District and half to the Section.

rally in protest against the conviction of the eight Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism defendants will be conducted in the Dreamland Auditorium. The May Day Conference has decided to schedule no meeting for that night, but to give its full support to the California Conference for United Action Against the Criminal Syndicalism Act which is calling the Dreamland meeting.

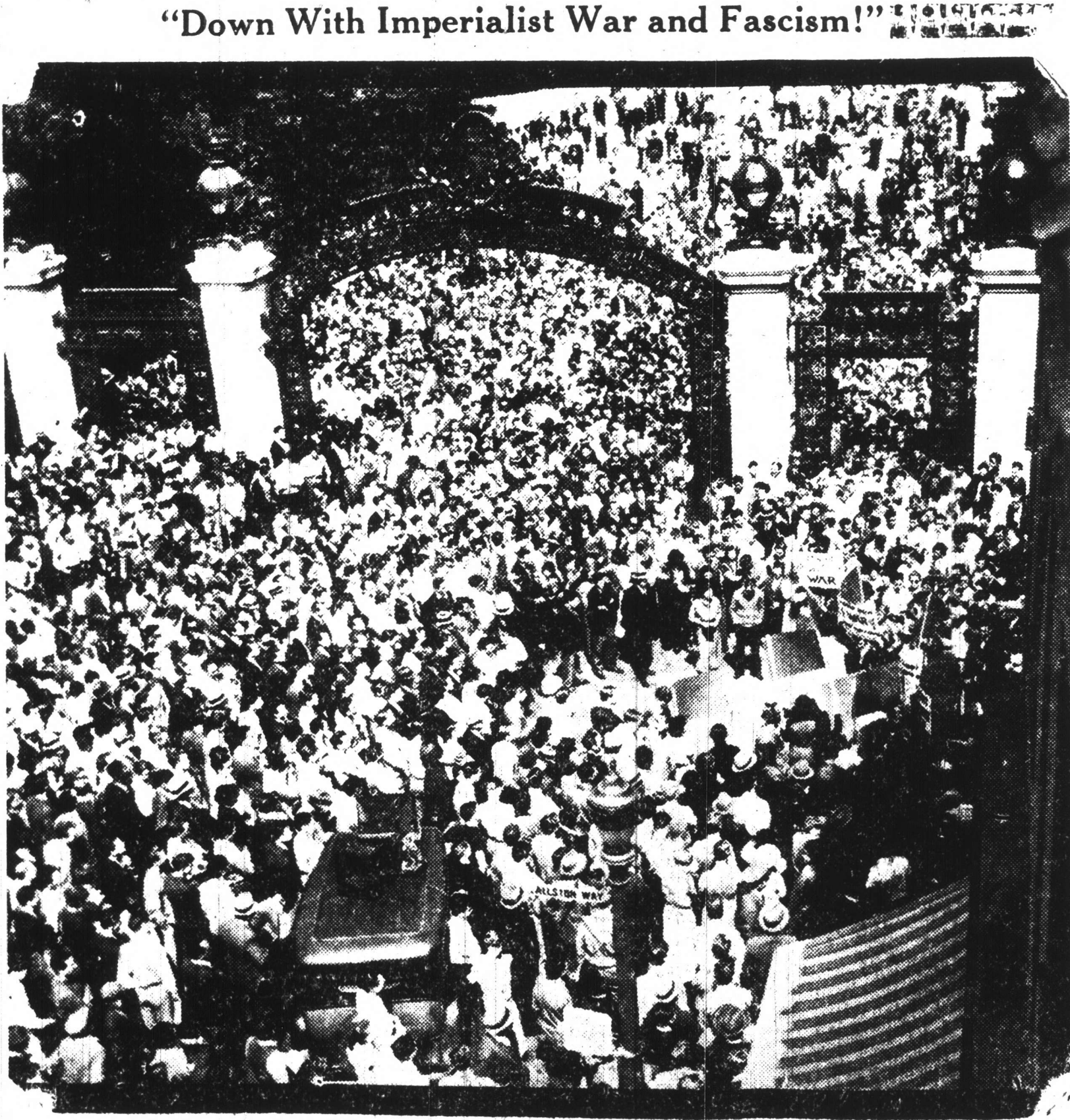
The Conference for United Action conducts a regular fifteen minute radio program every Monday eve., at 7:15, over KTAB. The conference represents more (Continued on Page 4, Col. 3.)

#### Portland Workers Given Permit for May Day March

PORTLAND, Ore., April 16.—Determined workers here packed the City Council Chambers and forced the granting of a permit for the May Day parade and demonstration now being planned by a broad united front delegated committee. The Oregon Social Security Committee, leading the struggle for unemployment and social insurance, took the lead in the call for May Day celebrations. When the issue came before the City Council, Mayor Carson began dragging a red herring across the issue, demanding of Henry Ireland, first spokesman for the committee, who would be in the parade. Carson seemed to be worried mainly about the Friends of the Soviet Union and the Third Internationale, asking Ireland what part the Third Internationale would have in the parade. He kept interrupting Ireland, crudely refusing to let him speak, finally blurring, "Has the Communist Party anything to do with this?" At this point Dirk de Jonge, whose seven year prison sentence on a framed Criminal Syndicalism charge is under appeal, took the floor and announced that the Communist Party, as well as any and all working class organizations so desiring, would participate in the celebration of international Labor Day.

With the exception of Mayor Carson, all members of the Council present voted for the permit.

### S. F., East Bay and Peninsula Turn Out For Workers Picnic April 21



Scene at Sather Gate, University of California, Berkeley, Calif., Friday during the national students anti-war strike on April 12 when 150,000 students came out in all parts of the country.







## East of the Rockies

### Coal Strikers Get Ten Years

WILKES BARRE, Pa., April 15.—Five of the six miners of the Glen Alden Coal Company, convicted on trumped up charges of "dynamiting," were sentenced to from five to ten years solitary confinement in the Eastern Penitentiary and fined \$500 each by Judge W. S. McLean, presiding judge of Luzerne County. The evidence against the workers was presented chiefly by company guards and so-called confessions extracted after the most brutal beatings, conducted in typical Nazi style at the Wyoming barracks. They were charged with dynamiting homes of scabs. All are young workers.

### More Millions For Navy

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—The senate has passed and sent to President Roosevelt for his signature a bill authorizing Navy secretary Claude A. Swanson to proceed with \$38,000,000 worth of building construction projects at various navy yards and shore stations. The Roosevelt budget for war now is well past the billion mark for the next year. During the past twenty-four months, while millions have gone hungry, frozen in slacks and have been shot down by Roosevelt cannon for demanding more food and clothing, the staggering sum of \$3,500,000,000 has been incorporated in the "peace time" war budget which Wall Street has demanded as protection for its enormous profits.

### I. S. U. Leaders Gag Seamen

PHILADELPHIA, April 15.—Ganster officials of the International Seamen Union here have wrecked halls and caused police to arrest rank and file seamen who attempted to guard their headquarters from further attacks by the official thugs. The raids came after the rank and file had taken matters into their own hands in an attempt to abolish the link halls and establish hiring through the union. District ISU officials resented this and proceeded to launch an attack upon seamen's headquarters. Several militant seamen were jailed by police who were accompanied by ISU officials and who launched a vicious tirade against them in jail.

### More CCC Youths to be Recruited

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—The Roosevelt war machine this week prepared to launch a drive to recruit at least 100,000 more unemployed youths into the Civilian Conservation Corps. The recruiting drive will be opened under the so-called \$4,800,000,000 "work-relief" program just enacted. The new CCC enlistment, including some replacements, is the first step in a plan, said in official quarters to be approved by the White House, to build the CCC in a vast coming reserve army of 600,000 youth toughened and trained in military discipline.

### Two Teachers Dismissed As "Radicals"

MUSKEGON, Mich., April 9.—Taking their cue from William Randolph Hearst, school authorities here have refused to renew contracts of two educators because of their activity in the Farmer-Labor Party and the League for Independent Political Action. They were dismissed following two secret meetings of the board of Education. Of the four members of the board present at the meeting, one is a manufacturer, another the head of a printing company and the third the head of a trust company. The dismissals show that the various gag bills and other attacks upon the Communist Party are to be used not only against Communists, but against the entire labor movement and all progressive thought.

## Geo. Roth, Leader Of L. A. Co-op. Movement Is Proven Stool Pigeon

COMPTON, Calif., April 13.—George Knox Roth, leader of the cooperative movement in Los Angeles County and head of the County Department of Rehabilitation, has been exposed here to day as a stool pigeon for the Security First National Bank.

Roth was the candidate for the county position jointly selected and approved by the End Poverty League, the Utopian Society, and other liberal groups interested in the so-called "production for use" movement here.

In his application to take the civil service examination for the position, to which he has already been given an emergency appointment at the request of Epic and Utopians, Roth stated that he has done "research work in the self-help cooperatives" for L. H. Mays, a vice-president of the Security First National Bank and a member of the Compton Board of Education for the last two years.

Rank and file members of the cooperatives were angered when they heard that Roth, who is already under criticism for his failure to do anything for the unemployed while in office, had been playing stool pigeon for bankers and public officials.

Roth was receiving approximately \$2,000 a year as an instructor for Compton Junior College during most of the time he was also working for Mays, who is a member of the board which has jurisdiction over the college.

One indignation "coop" member recalled that Roth, who was in a clerical position with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's office for three years, used to attend unemployed meetings and meetings held by the International Labor Defense while carrying a Sheriff's badge.

Failure by Roth to do anything for the cooperatives, since he was appointed more than four months ago is attributed to the fact that he does not intend to do anything until after the civil service examinations are over. His enemies in the so-called Congress for Permanent Rehabilitation, led

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# Cuban Worker Interviews Mooney

## Lola Torriente Sees Mooney In Visit To San Quentin Prison

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—Lola de la Torriente, revolutionary Cuban worker who has been touring the United States rallying support for Cuban victims of the terror now raging there, interviewed Tom Mooney during

## Jobless Organize In Santa Barbara, Santa Paula

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., April 12.—Thirty-five unemployed workers organized a local of the Public Workers Unemployed League here last week, following a speech delivered by Harold J. Ashe on "Unemployment and Social Security."

About sixty employed and unemployed workers attended the meeting despite the fact that a reactionary SERA-controlled "unemployed" organization and a newly formed cooperative group were meeting the same night. The former organization changed its meeting night from Thursday to Tuesday in an effort to sabotage formation of the PWUL local.

Ashe explained the real character of the self-help cooperative and exposed one Ruteback, formerly of Los Angeles, now leading the cooperatives in Santa Barbara. He also made it quite clear why the SERA controlled organization could not function in the interest of the unemployed.

\* Santa Paula.

On Monday night, a similar meeting was held in Santa Paula. About forty workers attended from Ventura and Santa Paula and 25 Santa Paula workers joined the newly formed Public Workers Unemployed League set up that night. This is the first militant organization ever set up in Santa Paula. About half of the charter members are Mexican workers.

In Santa Paula, too, the fakers are busy. They have set up an American Protective Alliance, started by the straw-bosses and composed only of so-called "100 per cent Americans." They have barred Mexicans. However, when they learned that a PWUL organization meeting was being held they solicited the Mexicans for membership, abandoning their "100 per cent American" program.

About two weeks previously, Utopians, Epic and other workers met in Ventura and organized a local of the PWUL along militant lines, following a speech by Ashe.

With these three locals now organized in the coast counties, Ventura and Santa Barbara workers are in a position to fight for more relief and against discrimination for the first time in over two years.

her visit to Northern California, bringing to Mooney a message of sympathy and support from the workers of Cuba.

The interview was granted only after a fifteen minute interview with the warden. While other prisoners are granted an hour to see visitors Mooney is only granted a short time, never more than half an hour. Such visitors as Mogliani, famous Italian anti-Fascist, and Lord Marley were granted less than fifteen minutes in which to speak to Mooney. This is typical of the discrimination practiced by prison officials against those imprisoned solely for their political beliefs and activities.

Comrade de la Torriente told Mooney that the Cuban workers put "free Mooney" on every pamphlet they put out. As a symbol of the suppression of the working class, Tom is the best known prisoner in the world. Even during the general strike the workers of Cuba demonstrated for the freedom of Tom Mooney.

Mooney told his visitor to send his warmest revolutionary greetings to the workers of Cuba, and said he was in no way discouraged by his nineteen years of imprisonment.

## "Sacramento Prosecution Represented Capitalists," Attorney Charges Webb

SACRAMENTO, April 11.—The following letter sent by Leo Gallagher, International Labor Defense attorney, to U. S. Webb, attorney general of Calif., regarding the nature of the recent Criminal Syndicalism frameups here, needs no additional comment.

April 11, 1935  
Attorney General U. S. Webb,  
Sacramento, Calif.  
Dear Sir:

You claim that your sole purpose in prosecuting the Criminal Syndicalism case in Sacramento is because under the Constitution it is your duty to see that the law is enforced. You had no reason to believe at all that the new district attorney would not enforce the law adequately.

But, you do know that there have been ten thousand acts of vigilantism in the State of California in the last year, and that not one prosecution has resulted.

You know that lawyers have been kidnapped and beaten for defending workers; you know that in Imperial Valley, for example, the Constitutions of the United States and of California have been totally abrogated. I call your attention to this connection to the

prisonment, and realized that only working class action could ever get him out of San Quentin.

Mooney told of the reasons for his being arrested. As a member of the Molders Union since he was nineteen, and an active participant in the labor movement as a whole, he naturally aroused the enmity of the bosses. As he put it, "I'm not here for playing football, I'm here because the bosses were afraid of the organization of the working class."

Comrade Torriente asked Mooney his opinion of the Communist Party. Mooney answered by telling her of his political experiences. He had joined the Socialist Party in 1908, and was arrested only a short time before the split in the Socialist Party. This came about through disagreement between the "opportunists," as Mooney called them, and the "impossibles," which was the term they gave their opponents.

The so-called "impossibles" took a leading part in forming the Communist Party, and Mooney stated that in all probability, if he had not been framed into jail, he would have joined the Communist Party.

Comrade Torriente told of her

experience in Cuba. She had been arrested a dozen times, but they had never been able to keep her in jail. Her husband had already served five months of a year exile in a penal island for political prisoners.

The Cuban political prisoners lived under even worse conditions than the ordinary prisoner. They are not allowed to read anything; many die from starvation; and today there are more than five thousand political prisoners as a result of the general strike.

Mooney told Comrade Torriente that he had never had the chance to get arrested a dozen times. The bosses of California publicly stated in the newspapers during his trial that "We have him and we're going to keep him here."

Mooney told his visitor of conditions in prison. Because of the length of time he had been in prison, he works in the guards' kitchen, which enables him to eat the same food as the guards. Previously political prisoners had been allowed to have some literature, but last week the cells of all prisoners had been raided and the literature confiscated. Aside from that the main discrimination practiced against him was in restricting his privileges of having visitors.

## Tulare Workers Now Face Starvation and Criminal Wage Cuts

By a Worker Correspondent.

TULARE, Calif., April 15.—The conditions of the workers on the John L. Martin ranch are worse than peon labor. They pay 17 1/2 cents per hour for common labor and those who drive trucks, tractors and horse team are getting the same wages. They work 12 to 14 hours per day without extra pay.

Any worker who doesn't trade at the ranch store is fired, although they charge from 10 to 30 per cent higher for food than any other store. They have an active organization of stool pigeons so that anyone who talks about better conditions or a union is thrown off the ranch.

At the Tagus ranch they have the same union of stool pigeons. When the wages were higher, still the families had to go to the County Welfare. Workers from Oklahoma, Missouri and Texas are coming in by the hundreds and the farmers are talking of reducing wages still lower.

The American Federation of Labor is trying to organize a Cannery and Field Workers Union but they cannot do much because they charge dues as high

## Foreign News Briefs

### Danzig Man Tricks Nazi Butchers

DANZIG, April 15.—One shopkeeper here last week turned the tables on the Nazi terrorists who have been "campaigning" for the Hitler government. He had displayed in his window a number of Catholic religious books and pictures. The Nazis smeared the window with the word "Traitors." The shopkeeper removed the pictures and substituted portraits of Adolph Hitler and Dr. Paul Goebbels, the Nazi propaganda Minister. The police called him up on the carpet but he declared he was not responsible for what others had done to the outside of his window. The police rushed their own "mopping up" squad to the spot.

### Brazil State Under Martial Law

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 15.—Political clashes between would-be fascists and workers in the City of Belém, capital of Para, so badly frightened Brazilian government authorities that they invoked the recently enacted National Security Law, putting the entire state of Para virtually in the hands of military dictatorship. The stated purpose of the National Security Law is to "curb radical and fascist propaganda." The fascist organizations claim the backing of 200,000 armed militia men. At least two fascist sympathizers were killed and scores were injured in the struggle between workers and the Green Shirts at Belém last week.

### French Imperialists Attack Indo-Chinese

SAIGON, French Indo-China, April 15.—French imperialism, using the brutalized Foreign Legion, began an attack upon the Moi tribes here who, despite French aggression, have managed to forestall absolute domination over a period of years. The annexed natives recently killed ten French soldiers and wounded many others in an attempt to stop the determined French drive to capture the potentially rich interior territory of the Moi territory. Indo-China was taken over by French capitalism in 1860. The Moi country borders on Cochinchina and extends to the limits of the Upper Siam province and Darlac province in Annam.

### Nazis Store Munitions In Fake Cellars

BERLIN, Germany, April 12.—A typical case of official Nazi trickery had been exposed here when it was discovered that so-called "potato cellars," and "game preserves," never had seen a potato or a single bird, but are being used to store up munitions in preparation for war, more than likely, against the Soviet Union. Most of the "cellars" and "game preserves" are located in North Eastern Germany. Nazi guards patrol the territory surrounding the ammunition dumps. Signs warn, "Wild Animals! Beware!" Meanwhile the Krupps, leading munition manufacturers in Germany, are planning the opening of a new war plant north of Berlin.

### French Toilers Hit War Plans

PARIS, France, April 15.—Police officials here raided the offices of L'Humanite, famous leading organ of the Communist Party of France in an effort to squelch the powerful antimilitarist campaign now being carried on by that paper. At St. Marcel near Marseille, 600 workers demonstrated against the two-year compulsory military service regulations. At Aulnoye workers hissed and booed a general who had come to take part in patriotic exercises. At Latorre de France army recruits demonstrated against war plans after they had been signed up by chalking up antimilitarist slogans on the walls of the mayor's office and other public buildings.

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## Dust Storms Bring Death and Ruin to Mid-West Farmers

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 16.—Hundreds of farm families continue to flee from their homes in middle and southwestern states today as a result of the severe dust storm which swept over this country, spreading dust pneumonia and destruction throughout wide areas.

The present situation is linked directly up with the Roosevelt farm program which has made no serious effort to fight soil erosion and has brought about a situation wherein thousands of acres are left barren due to the policy of crop reduction.

In many towns farmers are donning improvised dust masks to protect themselves. Livestock is suffering miserably. In some instances families have been unable to bury their dead.

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## Young Communist Leagues Celebrate 13th Anniversary

SAN FRANCISCO, April 13.—The YCL girls of San Francisco are putting themselves on the auction block for a prize dance contest, at the Voice of Youth Cabaret dance, to be held at Equal Hall, 141 Alston st., Saturday, April 20, at 8:00 o'clock p. m.

That isn't the only feature of this entertainment. An "ugliest man" contest is also scheduled for the program. Every penny put into one of the contestants hats is a vote. Archie Brown says that he'll win the contest by a nose, but Dave Lyon promises to give him a hair-raising race of it.

The pioneers are planning a skit. No long speeches are another inducement for the entertainment, although Jack Olsen, district organizer of the YCL, will speak briefly (d'ja get that, Jack?) on the significance of the fifteenth anniversary of the Young Communist League.

All funds go to the sustaining fund of the Voice of Youth, the semi-monthly newspaper published by the Young Communist League of District 13, little brother to the Western Worker, and the only paper of working class youth on the West Coast.

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## World Events and Western Workers

# Imperialist at Stresa Substitute War Pacts For Peace Aim

By Emmett Kirby

## The Comic Opera Season Opens In Italy—Peace Security Pacts Turned Into Strengthening of Anti-Soviet Front—Proposals Exclude U. S. S. R. Participation

"Peace" says Romain Rolland, "is the defeat of fascism."

The desperate state of capitalism which it represents and accentuates cannot exist without war.

The actions of Hitler, and particularly of the Stresa conference, prove this once more.

Called ostensibly for promotion of security of peace, the Stresa affair has brought forth, not proposals which will insure peace, but has instead hatched plans for rebuilding and strengthening the anti-Soviet front under the guise of securing peace.

These points, it is authoritative stated, have been agreed upon by Ramsey McDonald and Sir John Simon of Britain, Pierre Etienne Flandin of France and Mussolini of Italy.

1. Approval of the principle of an air pact for immediate aerial assistance AGAINST AN AGGRESSOR IN WESTERN EUROPE.

2. A Nazi offer to enter an Eastern Nonaggression pact, provided she is exempt from any military assistance clause.

3. Decision to call Danubian nations into conference at Rome on May 20 to discuss ways of keeping Austria independent.

4. United support for France's appeal to Geneva against Germany's treaty violation in rearming.

5. An agreement was reached on a general European conference after the Danubian parley, and

6. A proposed Eastern Mediterranean pact linking Italy, Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia.

\* Flandin Bargains  
France is getting the promised assistance at Geneva, bargained to lessen the charges made against Nazi Germany.

\* USSR Urges Pact  
Of major importance in determining these decisions was the

recent agreement of mutual assistance against an aggressor arrived at in Paris between Foreign Minister Laval and Soviet Ambassador Vladimir Potemkin. This pact, accepted by both countries is to be signed in Moscow when Laval arrives here April 23. The signing was left off until that time that other nations might also unite in the pact.

This plan was counter to England's war plans. They have been doing everything possible to aid Hitler's rearming, and his rebuff to Lord Simon in the form of demands for return of colonies grabbed by Britain after the war, was swallowed.

Every effort was made to halt the genuine move for peace which the Soviet Union put forward when Captain Eden was in Moscow.

As soon as Eden returned to London he was publicly declared ill and Simon, leader of the anti-Soviet richards, made his report for him to Parliament, lest Eden present it too favorably. That Eden is now "politically ill" and in disfavor because of admitting the Soviet Union wants and works for peace, is obvious to all.

\* Closing the Rift

In the meantime Hitler sent a private note to Simon, dropping the demand for colonies, but since his defeat at Danzig he has raised the point again. Despite this point however, Britain continues to back him and accepts his rearmament demands and when just before the Stresa conference, Hitler let out a loud blast about peace and agreed to an Eastern Locarno, provided he did not have to help defend the Soviet Union against the expected Japanese attack, he was not only restored to good graces of the imperialists but his proposal of this sort became the



Part of the new War Council of Nazi Germany, with Field Marshal von Mackensen wearing the uniform of the Deathhead hussars. On the left, Hitler and General von Blomberg, head of the new War council. In the rear is Gen. von Fritsch.

proposal of the conference. They have agreed to mutual assistance—in Western Europe alone.

Efforts to bring pressure on France to ditch the Soviet Union accord and swing into the anti-Soviet Front were made, with Britain agreeing to a tacit understanding of mutual aid, closing the rift between Britain and her ally of 1914-1918. It remains to be seen however, how far the fascist-inclined Flandin and the group he represents can swing France.

In the East, instead of the mutual security pact called the Eastern Locarno pact, the fascists at Stresa propose one that would include the Soviet Union—an alliance of Italy, Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia.

Britain fight at Stresa that whatever was agreed upon must meet Germany's demands has swung the world closer to the hideous madness of a new imperialist war by closing the avenues of Nazi expansion at the expense of capitalist countries. Turning her face toward the Soviet Union with an assuring pat on the back, the gang at Stresa says in effect, "We are behind you."

For no one above the age of five will have any illusions that this gang will declare the Nazis or any other of their pals aggressors in an attack on the country of victorious socialism which they all hate. No matter what happens, the USSR is already the aggressor to them. Formal declarations of war are an outmoded form so far as these capitalist bandits are concerned. Japan never did declare war on Manchuria, and she has never been called an aggressor for her theft. Lord Lytton's report, embarrassing the League of Nations, has dust an inch thick on it in some pigeon hole now.

Stresa rang down the curtain on the first act of a farce held in the name of peace which has been

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## FILLMORE LEADS OTHER S. F. SECTIONS IN RECRUITING

In the socialist competition in recruiting between Mission, Fillmore and Waterfront Sections, the results to date are the following:

Since the first of January, Fillmore has recruited 37 members; Mission has recruited 20, and Waterfront 26. Fillmore is now in the lead, and it looks very much as if the other two sections would have to stand the expenses of the banquet which is the grand prize in the contest.

Last week the recruiting picked up a little. Here are the totals for last week, up till April 15:

San Francisco	19
Sonoma	4
San Diego	7
Merced	2
San Bernardino	6
Tulare	1
East Bay	1
Los Angeles	24
Fresno	2

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San Diego is continuing to recruit steadily. Sonoma, San Bernardino and Merced, we are glad to see, have started to recruit after a long period of stagnation. We are glad to see these sections picking up. East Bay recruits only one member, which is extremely poor.

### THE WEEK'S BLACK LIST

San Jose, Eureka, Sacramento, Stockton, Monterey, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Bakersfield, Porterville, Contra Costa, Arizona, Nevada.

## Anti-War Congress

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Don Legere of the San Francisco Democratic Council, Rev. Lane of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Robert Whitaker of the Baptist Church, Lincoln Steffens, noted labor journalist and Langston Hughes, famous Negro poet.

The Santa Clara Building Trades Council and the San Jose Central Labor Council are among the latest labor organizations to endorse the Congress.

### \* National Congress.

The Pacific Coast Congress with offices at Room 311, 1026 Market st., San Francisco is an outgrowth of the successful national Congress held last year at Chicago, presided over by Harry F. Ward, head of the Federation of Social Services of the Methodist Church of the United States. In a message to the arrangements committee for the Pacific Coast Congress, Dr. Ward said:

"No event that has taken place this year is as important to the livelihood and very lives of every man, woman and child of the Western States as the approaching Congress Against War and Fascism. The Chicago Congress, with over 3000 delegates, representing two millions of Americans from all walks of life, did not have the immediate importance of your Congress. In no part of America are the fascist forces so well organized in the attempt to deny our traditional and legal civil rights and of all sections of the land whose people fear the terrors of war, no part is as vulnerable and exposed to the war forces as the Pacific Coast, where fascist suppression of constitutional liberties is laying the basis for the rearmament of opinion and action so necessary to the warmakers."

The Pacific Coast Congress will open at 4 p. m., Saturday, April 27, at Carpenters Hall. This meeting will be followed by a reception for delegates at the Building Trades Council, 240 Guerrero st., at 8 p. m. The main session of the Congress will open at 9 a. m., Sunday, April 28, at Carpenters Hall.

## SERA Forced to Ban Plow Pulling By Men

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—Publication of pictures of SERA workers harnessed to plows on relief projects in the Los Angeles area has forced the State Relief Commission to ban further plow pulling on relief jobs in California.

At the same time the Relief Commission, highly indignant at the attempt to sidestep the issue by declaring the plowwork had been done 11 months ago when the Los Angeles Department of Charities had charge of certain relief projects.

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(See Harold Ashe or Harry Kramer)

## Alex Noral, Calif. Jobless Organizer Touring State

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—Alex Noral, organizer of the State Federation of Unemployed and Allied Organizations, is at present on tour of California cities, speaking in support of the Workers Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill, H. R. 2827, now in Congress and Assembly Bill 791 which is being fought for in Sacramento. As a result of the meetings many local unions of the unemployed are expected to be formed in new territories.

Noral will speak in San Bernardino on Saturday, April 13, where Assemblyman John B. Pelletier, who introduced the Workers State Unemployment Insurance Bill No. 791, will speak as well as Judge Totten and Kirk. The Civic Auditorium has been secured for the meeting.

After finishing a five-day tour of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, Noral will then speak in the following towns and cities according to the now revised schedule as follows:

San Diego, Wednesday, April 17; Los Angeles, Friday, April 19 to 24, incl.

Ventura, Thursday, April 25.

Santa Barbara, Friday, April 26 to 30, including Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria.

Bakersfield, Wed., May 1.

Visalia, Thurs., May 2.

Porterville, Fri., May 3.

Fresno, Sat., May 4 and 5.

Merced, Mon., May 6.

Stockton, Tues., May 7.

Sacramento, Wed., May 8.

Berkeley, Fri., May 10.

Oakland, Sat., May 11.

East Oakland, Sun., May 12.

Immediate preparations should be begun in all these places.

## MAY DAY

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than one hundred labor unions, political organizations, church and fraternal groups. Prominent speakers and a varied program including a short play based on the C. S. trial will be features of the meeting.

One of the principal slogans of this year's May Day demonstration will be for the freedom of the eight C. S. prisoners and repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Law. Other main issues are: for unemployment insurance against war and fascism, and the fight against company unions.

LOS ANGELES, April 15.—The Painters Union Local 1348, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, Local 97, Carpenters Union Local 1976 held a conference at 1748 South Santee Street yesterday afternoon to prepare for a May Day meet. All other A. F. of L. locals in Los Angeles were invited to send delegates to the conference and to participate in the May Day action.

The issues of the conference were:

To build the trade unions; genuine unemployment and Social Insurance; and the fight against the anti-labor legislation now pending in state and national legislatures which threaten to destroy our fundamental civil rights; are faced with millions of our brother unemployed whose problems directly affect us, masses of unemployed used as a threat against our standard of living by the employers.

In its letter to brother unions inviting them to the conference, the Painters Union said in part: "In the sixth year of depression we organized workers are faced with anti-labor legislation now pending in state and national legislatures which threaten to destroy our fundamental civil rights; are faced with millions of our brother unemployed whose problems directly affect us, masses of unemployed used as a threat against our standard of living by the employers."

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## TANKER STRIKE

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Radio Telegraphers was elected temporary secretary.

### \* Reactionaries.

The Silver-Larsen machine within the Sailors Union meeting here last night succeeded in tabling a motion for a coastwide vote to determine whether or not the seamen officially are on strike. A move to take up the question of "hot" oil was scuttled before the action could be put in the form of a motion.

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## LABOR BOARD FAILS TO ENFORCE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHTS

### Decides That Companies Not Signing Codes Are Not Bound By 7A

In a report issued early in February, covering six months of its activity, the National Labor Relations Board admits that in only 17 of 68 cases requiring compliance on the part of employers, were its orders carried out.

That militant strike struggle is the only means by which workers can achieve real collective bargaining is implicitly contained in this report.

Of nine cases referred to the Department of Justice for prosecution, seven were returned "on the ground that because of the absence of interstate commerce, or for some other reason, federal action was not warranted."

Seven cases were referred to the United States attorneys for legal proceedings, but no action has been taken.

Indicating the stimulus NRA has given to company unions, the report states that in 30% of the 86 cases handled "company unions were a primary or attendant cause of the dispute."

And it points out: "All but two of these unions were formed or revived since the passage of the National Industrial Recovery Act; and a great majority became active immediately before or after a contemporary labor union organizing movement, or in close relation to a strike."

### \* The Macaulay Decision

Workers in uncodified industries or industries which have not signed the President's Reemployment Agreement (Blanket Code NRA), estimated to number over a million, do not have even the theoretical right to "bargain collectively

by through representatives of their own choosing," as supposedly granted in Section 7a. This is the meaning of the decision of the National Labor Relations Board in ruling that the Macaulay Co., book publishers, discharged five workers for union activity in September, 1934, "without violation of the law."

The Regional Labor Board had found, after a complete hearing, that the Macaulay company had fired workers because of their membership in the office workers union, and had attempted to bribe, threaten and intimidate the workers into giving up their membership in the union. But the National Labor Relations Board decrees that such activities are unlawful because the Macaulay Company became subject to a code a month after the discharge of the workers in question.

Did someone mention that Section 7a was, according to NRA officials, merely a restatement of a right workers always had? Picture it out for yourself: If the employer signs a code, you can bargain collectively through representatives of the employer's own choosing—the company union; if it doesn't sign the code, you can't bargain at all and the employer can fire as many as try to organize as they desire.

"Say what you will about NRA," says J. C. Atchison Daily News Record, March 4, 1935, "there is not one manufacturer in every hundred in these United States who would be willing to vote for a complete scrapping of the National Industrial Recovery Act."

## Can You Answer These Questions?

(Answers will be found on Page 6)

What do the following dates stand for in the revolutionary movement?

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| 1.—January 21st.      | 6.—May 30th.      |
| 2.—March 8th.         | 7.—July 5th.      |
| 3.—March 18th.        | 8.—August 1st.    |
| 4.—April 6th to 12th. | 9.—September 1st. |
| 5.—May 1st.           | 10.—November 7th. |

## BAIL DENIED C. S. PRISONERS

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His chambers but not in open court, as Gallagher requested. The court was crowded with workers at the time.

When Gallagher told him that he had been waiting since 10:50 a. m., Judge Lemmon retorted, "I don't give a damn how long you have been waiting." Lemmon further stated he would not hear Defense Attorney Gallagher in open court until the Attorney General's special prosecutors, McAllister, Buchler and Chris Johnson had been given notice. This notice has been given and Gallagher's motion on the case will be heard at 10:30 a. m., Wednesday.

A campaign of mass protest exceeding anything California has seen before must be rallied to block this move against the working class. California industrialists, in this C. S. trial have thrown off every disguise to their domination of the courts and have wielded the legal machinery of the state as an arbitrary weapon against organized labor.

This C. S. trial is not complete in itself, but is a first move in a general campaign against the working class. The prosecutors themselves have admitted that its purpose was to establish a precedent for further railroadings. The surest way to block this threatening drive is to win the freedom of the eight now jailed in Sacramento.

The eight prisoners are: Pat Chambers, Caroline Decker, Nora Conklin, Lorine Norman, Martin Wilson, Albert Hougardy, Jack Crane and Norman Mini. Send them your solidarity greetings. Let them know that you are not going to see them railroaded to the penitentiary without a fight.

Wire, write and send delegates to Judge Dal M. Lemmon, County Court House, Sacramento, and to Attorney General U. S. Webb, Sacramento. Plan protest meetings to build the campaign.

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## GALLUP

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mines. Appeals of International Labor Defense Attorney Clarence Lynch to secure the release of seven women who are among the thirty-three workers held in the state penitentiary here, were refused by Attorney General Patton. Comrade Esquibel was a member of the Section Committee of the Communist Party.

Witnesses to the Gallup shooting state that it was an attempt of the Gameroo gunmen to commit an act of wholesale slaughter of the militant workers of Gallup. A committee from the Liga Obrero, Mexican workers organization, sent to investigate the terror and conditions in Gallup which caused the fatal shooting knife the entire blame on the sheriff's office and State Senator Clarence Vogel, who tried to hoodwink unemployed miners into paying high prices for houses they themselves built. Failing, he started evictions which the miners resisted.

The committee report that there was positively no evidence that any worker in the crowd carried a gun or even a pocket knife. They state that when Esquibel Navarro was to be tried for having broken a lock and helping to move the furniture back into the home of a family evicted by State Senator Vogel, the workers had mobilized to attend the hearing and were refused admission.

They saw the sheriff and his deputies taking Navarro out the back way and rushed to the alley to find out what had happened in the court.

### \* Opened Fire.

When they reached the rear of the building they were met with a barrage of tear gas. A strong wind was blowing and there was a lot of dust, the tear gas was blown back into the faces of the gunmen. The thugs immediately lost their heads and with Sheriff Roberts began firing into the crowd of workers.

Ignacio Valarde, a miner and ex-convict man was the first to fall dead, shot in the back. Solomon Esquibel fell shot in the back and has since died. It is reported he was poisoned by the police authorities. Sheriff Carmichael was still on his feet when Sheriff Roberts shot at Navarro.

The bullet missed Navarro and struck Sheriff Carmichael in the eye. Four others were wounded including one woman while Sheriff Roberts continued shooting. All were shot in the back.

The committee states that since the shooting the sheriff's office and his assistant district attorney have been carving on the most brutal campaign of terror against the Gallup workers possible, arresting men, women and children for investigation, at times the jail would be so crowded that there was hardly standing room. Sheriff Roberts has mobilized 150 armed thugs to prevent the International Labor Defense or any other organizations from holding protest meetings, as the I.L.D. had planned.

Three attorneys—Clarence Lynch of the I. L. D., A. L. Wirin of the Civil Liberties Union, and Wheaton Angus represent the defense against this attempt to smash organized labor in the Southwest. The defendants are all on trial in this outrageous frameup attempt not for any crime but for their activity in the miners' union, and many were wellknown to have been working in the mines during the attack for participation in which they are charged. The three released when a mass protest meeting are only one example.

The I.L.D. is launching a national campaign for the freedom of the fifty workers and organizations all over the country are urged to at once send protests to Santa Fe, to Gov. Clyde Tingley and to Attorney General Patton demanding the immediate and unconditional release of all those held.

## "Fire Anyone Who Will Not Scab" SERA Orders

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—Instructions to all local SERA headquarters up and down the State to dismiss any relief worker or who refuses to take a job in "private industry" if such a job is offered him, are contained in SERA Administrative Bulletin, No. 84, dated April 12, 1935.

In plain words, any worker who refuses to take an outside job, even if such a job means scabbing on his fellow workers who may be on strike, will be cut off relief. The Bulletin does not hesitate to state that California relief heads are following a policy outlined by the Roosevelt relief machine at Washington.

As a matter of fact, the action noted above was taken at a meeting of the State Relief Commission in San Francisco on February 16, more than two months ago. Since that time militant demonstrations by workers on relief have forced the relief heads to grant concessions in the way of more jobs and higher budget allowances.

## Youth Congress Against Fascism And War to be Held May 4 and 5

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—Preparations for mass sessions of the American Youth Congress, to be held May 4-5 in San Francisco and Los Angeles, are moving forward rapidly, with a good representation of youth organizations involved in sponsoring both congresses.

These regional congresses are to work out a program of united action for the youth to meet their main problems. The regional congresses are called under the auspices of the American Youth Congress, a broad mass movement representing seventy-nine youth organizations with a total membership of 1,700,000.

At the first session of the American Youth Congress held in Washington, last year, a program against war and fascism, for unemployment insurance for the youth, against discriminating apprenticeship wages, for better conditions for youth in industry, for unionization of the youth, and many other youth problems, was worked out.

Some idea of the united support behind Youth Congress can be gained from the fact that in Detroit, the school board was forced to turn over an assembly hall to every school in the city to representatives of the Youth Congress, at 11 o'clock, April 12, to explain why the American Youth Congress was endorsing and mobilizing support for the student strike.

### \* Los Angeles.

In Los Angeles, the sessions of the Congress will be held in the Radio Playhouse, 1709 W. Eighth street. The Regional Planning Committee has opened offices at 529 Third st.

Organizations endorsing the call for the Congress include the Central Labor Council of San Diego, the Cloak and Dressmakers' Joint Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, the Fishermen and Cannery Workers' Industrial Union, the League for Independent Political Action, the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, the Menorah Center Council of Clubs, the Menorah Society, L. A. J. C., the Movie Workers' Industrial Union, the National Students' Union, the Painters' and Seafarers' Local No. 3899, International Longshoremen's Association, the Roger Williams Club, the San Diego Committee for the American Youth Congress, (incl. seventeen church union, fraternal, political groups), the Student League for Industrial Democracy, the San Fernando Valley Conference Against Fascist Tendencies, Three Arts Club, L. A. J. C., United Filipino Commemorative Society, Workers' Circle No. 245, Young Communist League, Young Men's Progressive League, Young People's Epic League of Pasadena, Young People's Socialist League, Young Technocrats of L. A., and the Youth Section of the International Workers' Order.

Prominent individuals who have given their endorsement to the Southern California Youth Congress, include Frances Lederer, movie star, Floyd Covington of the Urban League, Leo Gallagher, Sam Darcy, Harold L. Hoff, chairman of Conference for Labor's Civil Rights, Loren Miller, Ethelwyn Mills, Herbert Myers of the Florence Epworth League, Assemblyman Paul Richie, Rev. Edwin Ryland, Methodist Council, Masao Satow, Japanese YMCA, Upton Sinclair, Logan Sherwood, Local Glendale, Socialist Party, Mario Talarantes, LAIC Newman Club, Dr. Herbert Alexander and Prof. S. W. Wixman, LAJC.

### \* San Francisco.

In San Francisco, organizations sponsoring the Northern California Congress include the Central Labor Council, San Jose; the Joint Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, Local 8 of the International Longshoremen's Association, the Bargemen's Local 38-101, International Long-

shoremen's Association, the Student League for Industrial Democracy, the National Students League, the Students' Rights Association, the Association for Intellectual Liberty, the Hilltop Foundation, the Business Girls' Club, Y. M. C. A., the Industrial Girls' Club, Y. W. C. A., the Chinese Practical Idealists, the Charming Club, the Inverness Club, the student body of the Pacific Unitarian school, the League of Struggle for Negro Rights, the Zia Club, the American League for Against War and Fascism Youth Section, the Alameda County Council, Young Epics, the American Democratic Club, the Young Communist League, the H.D. Club, and an Oakland Epworth League group.

The headquarters for the Northern California Congress have been set up at 68 Haight st., and all youth organizations are urged to send their endorsement of the call for the congress, and financial contributions to make possible the widest publicity for the Congress, to this headquarters.

All youth organizations, and all unions and workers' class organizations are urged to elect their delegates to attend the sessions of the provisional committees which are seeking to broaden the Congress and insure real mass representation. The Northern California Provisional Committee meets at 8:00 o'clock each Thursday evening, at the headquarters at 68 Haight st.

Has been expelled from the provisional committee of both congresses because of the disruptive record and attitude of the organization. In next issue of the Western Worker a copy of the minority report of the credentials committee, in which this action was recommended, will appear.

## WHERE TO GO.

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### San Francisco

SAVE APRIL 20—NEXT SATURDAY. Anniversary of the founding of the Young Communist League. Dinner, Speakers, Program. All funds to the Voice of Youth, West Coast branch of the Young Communist League, Equity Hall, 1414 Mission st., at 8 p. m. All organizations are requested to cooperate by not scheduling affairs to conflict.

DANCING EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT—Workers' Center, 1408 Golden Gate, Adm. Free.

### Oakland

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### Los Angeles

MAY 1—Huge Mass Meeting and Concert, Eve of May 1. Mason Opera House. All-pieces Communist Party.

NATURE FRIENDS—April 21. Quarterly meeting, at 2 p. m. sharp at the Club House. Executive Committee meeting and work day in the morning.

Workers forum, 230 S. Spring St., L. A. Every Sunday night—8 p. m. Admission ten cents. (Save April 20th for Cultural Center Anniversary)

THE FOURTH ANNUAL MAY Picnic will be held Sunday, April 28, at Palm Grove Canyon, San Pedro. Mass Organizations do not arrange conflicting affairs. Complete program of entertainment, speeches, etc., will be announced later.

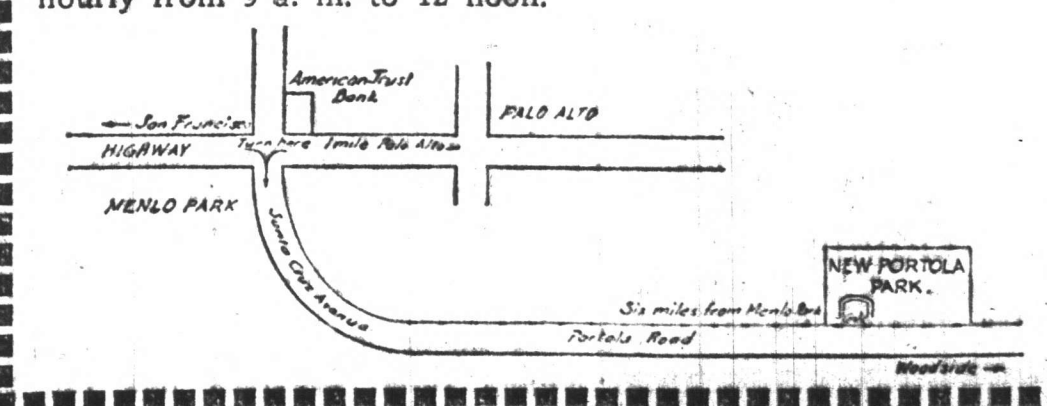
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## Hearings On Dies Bill Now Up In Washington

By Terry Casey.

1935th PSALM  
Mr. Roosevelt is my Shepherd.  
I am in want;  
He maketh me lie on park benches;  
He leadeth me beside the still factories;  
He disturbeth my soul.  
He leadeth me in the paths of destruction for his party's sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the Valley of depression,  
I anticipate no recovery, for he is with me.  
He prepareth a reduction in my salary in the presence of mine enemies.  
He anointeth my small income with taxes.  
And my expenses runneth over.  
Surely unemployment and poverty shall follow me all the days of my life.  
And I shall dwell in a mortgaged house forever.  
(From the American Progress)

### BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN:

"I am the Savior of Western Civilization from Bolshevism."  
Hitler.

A new crisis has arisen among the Nazis. Statisticians have found out that if they sterilize people for technical-mindedness, there will be no one in the new generation to shout "Hitler Hitler!"

The point is hardly one to worry about. All the new generation will know about Hitler will be from the history books.

They take does seem to realize that by trying to keep in the public eye he is actually getting in the public's hair.

Even under the stress of having a student anti-war strike and demonstration, dear old Harvard could not forget her dignity and appoint. News stories from the shaded streets of Cambridge said: "Some old boys were tossed into an assembly of pacifists."

But by any other name, a stink bomb is just a stink bomb.

"Secretary Perkins Speeds Rub-ber Strike Pact," the paper tells us. But it is not the right kind of settlement, it is likely to snap right back into his face.

A variety of East Bay top democrats pledged their support to Roosevelt at a big dinner Friday.

Millions without dinner however have not repeated the pledge.

The population of the Philippines should number at least 30 million before independence should be considered, declares "expert" Judge John Houserman, president of the Benquet Consolidated Mining Co. of Manila.

The drive to deport workers continues, and every effort is being made to force those deported to return to fascist countries where they will be imprisoned in concentration camps. A writ of assylum was refused to Otto Richter by Judge Cox of the Federal District Court. The Committee for Protection of Foreign-Born will appeal to the Circuit Court of Appeals. Richter was arrested in the wave of terror in San Francisco last July.

Illustrative of the terrorist methods used by the administration, is the deportation of ninety-nine families of Colorado Springs, Colo. This is part of a drive to deport 40,000 non-citizen Mexican workers from the state. A concentration camp has already been established to hold all "aliens" pending deportation.

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And how many of those thirty million should be soldiers, police and your own armed guards, Judge?

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN:

"The majority of the Philippine people do not want independence," Judge Houserman.

Schereberg says: "The hopes we have with Japan and the ocean will get what they want."

The seamen are getting what they want, but not through war. Last week the seamen have passed a motion that Schereberg resign. Monday the seamen passed a similar motion. The seamen have passed a strong resolution censuring Schereberg for his war non-compliance.

We did not realize war was so new until Britain, France and Germany started talking peace.

# "Ernst Thaelmann Must Be Freed"

## 49th Birthday Falls On April 16; Two Years Waiting Trial

By Don Russell.

Ernst Thaelmann, heroic Communist leader of the German workers, was born in the harbor city of Hamburg, April 17, 1886. He is forty-nine years old this week. The last two and one half years of his life have been spent in the Nazi torture dungeons where he was thrown in 1932 when the Hitler mania seized power through the door left wide open by German social democracy. Ernst Thaelmann was one of thousands jailed in Hitler's drive to smash militant German trade unionism.

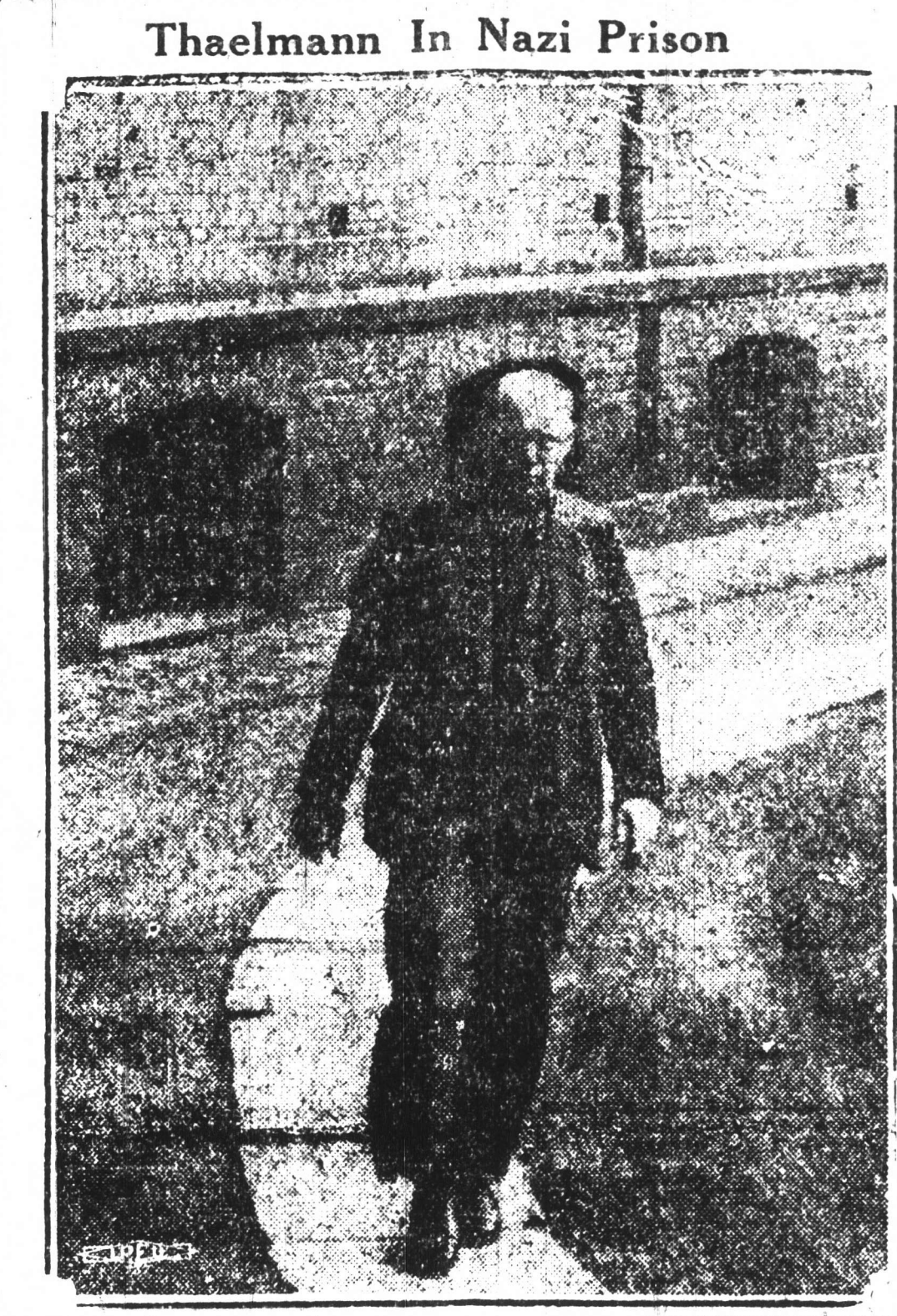
Hamburg is one of the most famous harbor cities of the world, the home of thousands of seamen and dock workers. It is steeped in tradition of militant trade union struggles which in later years took on the added significance of revolutionary upsurges.

Ernst Thaelmann at the age of 16 became a member of the Social Democratic Party of Germany and one year later joined the German Transport Workers of Hamburg. Today there is not a dockworker or a seaman in Hamburg who does not know Thaelmann. And during the years of his militant struggle against the reformist leadership of the trade union bureaucracy, Thaelmann became acquainted with every corner and byway of Hamburg, every factory, every dock and every trade union organization.

### \* Opposed World War.

When the social democracy sold out the workers in 1914 and quickly but criminally aided the war mongers in their murderous plans, Thaelmann passed over into the opposition. Throughout the period of the war he carried on revolutionary activity and in the November Revolution in 1917 he belonged to the strong Independent Social Democratic Party. He remained within this party for some time, solely for the purpose of bringing his friends and comrades into the German Communist Party which then was beginning to form under leadership of Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, the Spartakists. After the Congress of 1920 July 30, we went of the members of the Independent Democratic Party of Hamburg joined the Communist Party. It was a triumph for Thaelmann the fighter.

Since 1919 he had been a city deputy in Hamburg. The year 1923 saw the revolutionary struggle of the German workers reach its height. The machine guns of the so-called Socialist government of Germany already had been turned upon the proletariat in



Thaelmann In Nazi Prison

countless struggles. In 1923 the revolution was defeated by the Social Democrats but Hamburg, isolated in the advance of the struggle, fought stubbornly to the last ditch, under Thaelmann's leadership. From that time on Thaelmann constantly was persecuted by whatever government happened to be in power.

### \* Leader of Party.

He had fought opportunism and leftism within the Communist Party of Germany and in 1923 he took part in the Third Congress of the Communist International and all those which followed. He fought stubbornly for the B-theory line. In 1923 the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Germany failed to measure up to the tasks set before it by history. It was removed and Thaelmann was named leader of the Party.

During the next ten years he fought unceasingly for the unity of the working class. He organized thousands of meetings, often several in a single day. And he studied constantly and under conditions of great personal hardship, always learning, a student of theory and practice. He elevated the German Party and broadened it by his intelligence, his incomparable ability and his enthusiasm. He be-

came a deputy in the Reichstag and the attacks upon him became more numerous.

In 1931 the bureaucracy forced him out of the Transport Workers Union. The same "leaders" who in 1933 handed the entire trade union apparatus over to Hitler and the Krupps and Thyssens, expelled Thaelmann because he had "conducted revolutionary agitation" against the traitors who still held the top leadership of the trade unions.

In 1932 he was a candidate for president of Germany. His opponents were the social democrats who supported the military and nearly smile Hindenburg as "the lesser evil" in the struggle against the Storm Trooper who already had become a symbol of terror throughout the nation. Millions of workers were misled by the crime and "lesser evil" tactics of the social democrats and Thaelmann was defeated. But he polled more than five million votes, the highest Communist vote received in Germany. Hindenburg, had scarcely come into power when he opened the door to Adolph Hitler.

### \* Wouldn't Desert Post.

In spite of the obviously great danger, Thaelmann refused to leave Germany. He remained

## S. F. Public Works Union Starts Fight On Cut Budgets

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—The Public Works and Unemployed Union is calling three separate neighborhood conferences for Friday, at 8:00 p. m., April 19, to broaden their organization by recruiting and to set up job committees to enforce better working and living conditions for all relief workers.

As opposed to the Government's plan to leave millions on the starvation direct relief rolls as "unemployables," the P. W. U. U. is organizing to fight for jobs for all who need them. The union further demands a minimum budget to amount to 24 hours a week at union rates of pay.

The relief organizations, in transferring workers from direct relief to work relief are in the habit of stopping food orders and checks before the workers actually go to work on the S.F.R.A. The Union demands that this practice be stopped and relief checks be given out until the time the worker gets his first S.F.R.A. pay check.

The three meetings will be held in the following neighborhoods: North Beach, Italian Workers' Club, 779 Vallejo; Mission, Equality Hall, 141 Albion; Fillmore, Franklin Hall, 1839 Fillmore st.

All relief workers are urged to attend.

constantly in contact with the workers. An entire army was mobilized to capture him; it consisted of 15,000 uniformed police, 5000 civilians and 60,000 Steel Helmets. A 5000 mark reward had been offered for his arrest and 100,000 photographs of him were broadcast over Germany. Under these conditions it was impossible for him to remain free for very long. He was taken and placed into a Reich dungeon.

Swarm of steel pigeons were fired by the Nazis to draw up a "balance" against him. Houses of all fame were searched for "activities" and political renegades were hired to prepare a filthy "history" of his private life. But the frame-up has not yet been made public and it is worldwide protest is sufficient proof, that never in the history of our race had a man been so savagely treated as Ernst Thaelmann.

"Know how to act. Know how to cry out, No." And know how to live the act! He worthy of our cause! Thaelmann must be freed!



By Walter Gardner.

"Our Daily Bread" (United Artists) is an important film. Written and directed by a first-rate technician, King Vidor, this picture represents the initial attempt to bring to the American movie a social situation of fundamental current importance. It offers as a solution for mass unemployment the deceptive idea of a back-to-the-land movement.

As a social document, which this picture tries to be, it unquestionably expresses what Mike Gold refers to as the Fascist Unconscious of Vidor (sympathy for the underdog, combined with a lack of faith in his accomplishing anything without a powerful "superior" leader—dictator).

The story starts with a city white collar man, married, out of a job and about to be evicted. His wife's uncle lets him take over a deserted farm, mortgaged up to the hilt and not wanted even by the bank because it can't be sold for anything. This man and his wife, knowing nothing about farming, invite in wandering unemployed people and start a "co-operative farm."

The city man becomes the boss, assuming a relationship to the other workers which, prevailing throughout the film, intrudes unpleasantly and even unrealistically upon the theme of "co-operative work." He is pictured as a naturally superior person, becoming a sort of little king because only so can the "co-operative" venture succeed. The unemployed co-operative workers are depicted as glad to accept their accustomed position of underdog. It is this concept which forms the social-Fascist basis for the picture, leading to many incidents that are objectionable in the extreme.

The central incident of the film concerns the united effort of the workers to save their corn crop during a drought by diverting the waters of a stream two miles away. The sequences of the work of digging the irrigation ditch and final co-operative triumph when the water begins to flow are done with great skill and emotion. This is one of the most satisfying and exciting scenes in any American film ever made. Vidor has learned much from the Soviet film, where the drama of co-operative unselfishness reached its first and unadvised development. It is interesting to consider that an exactly parallel occurrence actually took place in many parts of the Soviet Union during the recent world-wide drought.

The end of the picture exposes its basic weakness. The drought conquered by this beautiful co-operative work, the film fades out on a shot of the lovely crop of corn. Just how the workers are going to sell the corn which they have labored to produce Mr. Vidor does not explain. That question would require a revolutionary answer—but then the entire film would have been different also. In that case we would have seen a REAL co-operative farm—a collective farm, which cannot exist in a capitalist state. The Soviet farmers DO have a market for what they produce.

Many shots in this picture, are conceived with great sensitivity and extremely well done. The irrigation sequences in particular vibrate with a powerful rhythm that enhances their fine emotional quality. But Vidor's basic concepts of human relationships being so false, the film is full of highly disturbing moments. The scene in which the workers, after one of their number by great self-sacrifice has saved the farm from the sheriff, deed the property over to the "Boss" is disgusting. One of the worst incidents occurs when, after conquering the drought by their own hard work and sweat, the whole community proceeds to fall down on its knees and thank God. For what? God only knows.

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There is so much secrecy surrounding venereal diseases that there are no figures about how widespread they are. Yet we all know that they are a terrible plague. They are also spread by conditions existing only under the capitalist system; namely prostitution. This is shown by the research of a French doctor, the only one on the subject, who found that 90% of all syphilis could be traced directly to prostitutes. It is also shown by the fact that in Russia, where prostitution has been practically done away with, the number of cases of syphilis in the clinics has been reduced from the prerevolutionary 55% to 5%.

Prostitution is a typical capitalist institution. It is caused on the one hand by poverty and hunger among proletarian women, and on the other hand by sex-hunger and misfit marriages among the bourgeoisie.

The eight leading diseases listed at the beginning of this discussion were not always nearly as important as many others which today have been practically wiped out. An example of this is the plague, which in the Middle Ages killed whole populations and which is almost unknown in the U. S. A. now. Another example is typhoid fever which not so long ago killed large numbers of people.

Are you tired of seeing all the party's time and activities devoted to the discussion of theoretical questions, while the real constructive work is made impossible, comrades disgusted and comfort given to inside groups trying to prove the party "does nothing"?—in other words, have your confidence and belief in the Socialist Party, in its program and methods, as repeatedly stated in National Conventions? And so you want us to establish a GENUINE, CONSTRUCTIVE FRONT with the great mass of organized workers of this country, rather than a so-called "United Front" with groups or sects with whom association means MORE theoretical jangling within to the exclusion of REAL Socialist work? If so, help us circulate this book among your fellow party members—stand with us against everything that takes our mind off the main, immediate task. Encourage the constructive element in the party by saying you are with them.

(Conclusion.)

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## HEALTH AND THE CLASS STRUGGLE

By the Western Worker Medical Bureau.

This issue continues to deal with the class basis of disease. In future articles the class activities of the Medical Association and some of its outstanding members will be discussed. The social and class aspects of sterilization will be dealt with in an early issue.

Meanwhile we are anxious to read and discuss letters from our readers and any clippings you may send in.

The main difference between ailments already greatly reduced and the ranking diseases of today is that the former, such as the plague, easily spread among the capitalists, whereas the latter can be kept within the ranks of the proletariat. Physicians have always served above all the ruling class, and so have concentrated all their energies on preventing diseases attacking the bourgeoisie, letting the workers go hang.

We see many examples of this today. Regard, for instance, the tremendous publicity given the fight against cancer and the huge sums spent on cancer research. Yet cancer causes only a fraction of one per cent of all sickness. This disease is very democratic and doesn't limit itself to workers.

There is now a big campaign under way to reduce automobile accidents, and yet industrial hazards which cause many more accidents are disregarded. Capitalists are victims of auto accidents and only workers are injured in factories.

What is the meaning of all these facts? Only the victorious workers' revolution will successfully fight disease as it exists today. The medical profession has reached the limits of its capacities under this system. One Communist is worth fifty doctors in the battle with disease.



## HUNGER AND REVOLT—A collection of cartoons by Jacob Burck

It is so rare that a book of art is so interesting to workers that when one appears it is an event.

Usually, in any book of kind and white drawings which can be genuinely recommended to the reading in the same breath as the ghost of Goya, Dantier and Rembrandt.

One fact that they appeared in the Daily Worker is a real boon to the sincere student to say "Then this is a book that is not only a collection of the very best of the working class, which the Daily Worker reflects and organizes, but also a book that is one of the 211 pages of the book."

It is a fact no longer disputed that one of the most valid forms of art is the political cartoon. In the Netherlands they were painted in oil, framed, and exhibited to the public. Today these hang in honored places in the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam. Magnificent in technique, their style is apparent at a glance. They appealed to only a handful.

Burck speaks to hundreds of thousands, of all classes, but especially to the working classes, including those who can not read words but who can read pictures.

In the intensity of the struggle today, it is clear that the political cartoon stands head and shoulders above any other medium for saying something of social importance. And when a man does that so well, that a score of his examples stand up shoulder to shoulder with those of that master, Dantier, than every art student should be rushing to study his work. Show me a Rembrandt etching or even a Goya drawing which for power of conception and sim-

ilarity of execution can excel Burck's new internationally famous cartoon of the Moroccan peasant's fight against war, or similar others showing the fight for improved relief are of equal rank.

Art students are accustomed to make sacrifices for the books they need. They buy a Thompson's "Anatomy" for an unimpaired price, perhaps a Van Der Poole, a Bridgman, and a condensation of others, including the modern art and some. For each of these they walk a long distance to save a nickel of cartage, or stand a line from their meagre food money.

Many of the books are worth it. But none of them will pay the return in knowledge or enlightenment of class-consciousness, as the \$2.50 spent for "Hunger and Revolt." (The book, not for sale, goes as a premium for Daily Worker subscriptions from \$2.50 to \$7.00. What you can learn in simplicity from Matisse you can learn ten times from Burck.)

But even more important, art students will get from this collection a striking consciousness of what their work is, what they should do to attain that "immortality" they all fire themselves with in the secret places of their minds. No artist endures who does not reflect his times. No artist today worth his tubes of paint ignores the class struggle and the social scene from which he cannot escape. Few will be Burck's but a study of his work should arouse a class consciousness that will tell them the path to follow in the media they choose.

Workers will see in "Hunger and Revolt" not merely political cartoons but political cartoons that crystallize in form the feelings and thoughts that they themselves had.

And it is because of this very fact that they have the power and directness which is their most vital characteristic.—E. K.

# JAMES O'NEAL EXPOSES S. P. HISTORY

This is the third and concluding installment of the pamphlet written by James O'Neal, "Old Guard" editor of the New Leader. O'Neal wrote the pamphlet to fight the United Front but in it he unwittingly exposes himself as an opportunist and Marxist-revisionist, a criminal misleader of revolutionary forces today as are the opportunists of the Norman Thomas stripe, whom he criticizes.

In previous installments O'Neal described the "American Guard," organ of the "left wing" group within the Socialist Party, and published by Oscar Ameringer, Oklahoma Democrat.

Lack of space prevents us publishing the entire pamphlet, which however was printed in full in the Daily Worker in the issues between March 12 and March 19 inclusively. We are printing those sections of the pamphlet which treat of Socialist Party in California, Oregon and Oklahoma, and certain other portions which show how O'Neal fights against the United Front and the Communist Party, and at the same time supports the reactionary leadership of the American Federation of Labor.

The emphases are by O'Neal throughout.

### \* The United Front

The delegates to the Detroit convention of the party rejected the minority report signed by Felix Krueger, Levinson and Son for at the Paris Congress of the International, which included opening negotiations with the Communists for a united front. Despite this rejection of the report, the Milwaukee meeting of the N. E. C. voted to engage in such negotiations and then postponed parleys to the next meeting! The N. E. C. thus constitutes itself a supreme court above the convention.

It may well be that in an emergency situations might arise before the next convention vote, but not one member asserted that such an emergency faced us. On the contrary, a situation had arisen which made the Milwaukee decision extraordinarily foolish. The

executive body of the trade unions had declared war against the Communists. It went so far as to favor deportation of alien Communists and we rightly adopted a statement opposing this policy, but if there ever was an occasion for not negotiating with the Communists that occasion is now. However, a majority of the N. E. C. decided to reconsider negotiations.

"To undertake parleys would be for us to say that while the trade unions declare the Communists their enemies, we are the friends of these enemies!"

Comrade Thomas holds the line, that it is difficult to carry Socialist agitation into the colleges because students want Socialists and Communists to cooperate. Not more than 10 per cent of the party members are even interested in the united front. Comrade Thomas would have the issue decided by the wish of the students who are not members of the party!

Our future lies not with the colleges and with the Communists but with winning the organized working class and farmers, the great masses outside the colleges and the Communist organizations. Winning five workmen is of greater importance to us than winning 20 collegeists. Our movement primarily represents the working class, and if it abandons that basic premise it is a fraud and has no moral right to appeal to workers for their support.

### DO WE FACE EXECUTIVE OLIGARCHY?

The sad experience of the Socialist Labor Party with an executive oligarchy was one reason for the democratic type of organization we have in the Socialist Party since its organization in 1901. The S. L. P. executive became a supreme check over states, sections, members and press.

Our party made state organizations largely democratic and autonomous. There were disputes in the states from time to time, but no charters were revoked till the appearance of the Communist faction in 1919. The democratic structure of the party continues today.

It is written in the party constitution that a majority of the present N. E. C. endeavors to strip power over states, local branches, members and press. This majority seems to think that the party constitution does not bind them; that they are above it.

I have mentioned its arrogant assumption of power over the New Leader, its gentle consideration of authorized negotiations for a united front. To these actions we may add the following:

At the first session of the N. E. C. at Detroit it decided that it had no power to submit the Detroit Declaration by sections to a referendum vote, yet the N. E. C. by a mail vote later amended that document before sending it to a referendum! It changed the meaning of one sentence. Where did it get THAT power? It usurped a power that belongs only to conventions and referendums.

The N. E. C. has no power over members in the states. J. B. Matthews was suspended in New York for a breach of party discipline. Norman Thomas moves in the N. E. C. that in line with precedent established in "other cases" the N. E. C. "assumed" that it had power to pass on appeals regularly presented from state committees. Note the reasoning. Establish a precedent and on that basis assume you have power. The rest is easy; exercise a power that is not granted by the constitution.

Any executive body can transform itself into an oligarchy by this method. If the majority of the N. E. C. thinks the party members will submit to this being gook-stepped they are very much mistaken.

Indiana. The state constitution provides that counties may have a county charter when three or more branches are established, but if the number falls below three, the charter may be revoked upon due notice. A charter was revoked on this ground. A dissenting group close to the majority of the N. E. C. appealed to the latter and the N. E. C. ordered Indiana to rescind its action! This is fol-

lowed by gossip that an organizer had expressed fascist opinions. Thomas moves to send three members of the N. E. C. to investigate the state. O'Neal succeeds in modifying this to a motion that the N. E. C. use its good offices to straighten out any difficulties. Indiana doubled its membership this year. It has no "collegiate Socialism."

Oregon. This state has a drastic anti-unionist law where mere membership in an organization declaring for "mass-action" means years imprisonment. The state convention votes to withdraw from the national organization if the national Declaration is adopted. So Thomas is quick with a motion to withdraw the charter. Oregon is not in the good graces of the majority of the N. E. C. and "collegiate Socialism" gets a poor reception in that state. This motion is modified by O'Neal but the action is still drastic enough. Throughout its history the Oregon Socialist party has been dominated by working class Socialists. In Portland our candidates for Congress at the last election polled as high as 14,000 votes. The party has had unpleasant experiences for years with the L. L. D. lecturers and "Guardian Socialism." Perhaps a "collegiate" party would replace the working class if the charter were revoked. At least, that is what Oregon comrades believe.

Let us turn to the task of ending play-boy revolution. Let us build a Socialist Party not swayed by barren "liberalism," pseudo-radicalism, or shame-faced Communism; a party that will give all of its attention to winning the working masses for social revolution; let the academics say and do what they will!

ARE YOU TIRED of seeing Socialist Party meetings and energies dissipated by discussion and strife over so-called "United Front" propositions cunningly introduced into our councils? (See Communist instructions to their friends within our ranks.) Do you wish our party continually disturbed and divided and newer members put in doubt?

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### PROBLEMS OF THE TANKER STRIKE

The purpose of a strike is to win demands. This is a fact that Scharrenberg and the rest of the corrupt A. F. of L. officialdom have difficulty avoiding.

When workers walk out on strike it is because no other negotiations can procure them fair wages and conditions. They take strike action to force the employers to meet their demands. If, by striking they cannot tie up the commerce of the employers, their strike is a failure and they will lose it.

Strike means hard work and struggle involving every worker. It doesn't mean, as Scharrenberg would like to have it, that you quit your job, let scabs take your place and rest peacefully at home waiting for union officials and the employers to make the deal.

Scharrenberg doesn't want picket lines. Yet picket lines are as essential in a strike as trenches in a war. If picket lines don't prevent employers from operating with scabs, then what is going to prevent them?

The labor fakers controlling the I. S. U. have not only consistently prevented or weakened picket lines wherever they could, but have conspired with employers to hire striking tanker seamen on other ships and get them out of the way. In this way the seamen disappear as soon as they walk off a tanker and the whole thing becomes a strike without strikers.

One of the false notions of the strike is that employment on tankers is regarded as if it were a separate craft. Seamen are seamen regardless of what kind of ships they sail. And the tanker strike is not the concern of any isolated section of the seamen but of the whole waterfront. It is not a matter of "tanker" seamen striking against the oil companies, but of the whole profession striking against them. It is not a matter of what action the tanker seamen are going to take, but what action are Marine workers as a whole going to take?

The strike must be spread. Since the seamen are striking against the oil companies, scab oil must be declared "hot" throughout the whole marine industry, not just on tankers. The Firemen's Union has already voted to take a coast-wide ballot on this issue. Every other craft must take similar action. But such action must be initiated by the rank and file. It will not come from above. Support of oil workers in the refineries, on loading docks and in the fields must be won.

The strike must be put in the hands of rank and file strike committees and all negotiations must be handled through a joint strike committee consisting of elected delegates from each craft committee. If negotiations are left to the humbuggery of Scharrenberg and his clique of cheats, the strike will end in a sell-out.

One of the first important steps is to flush the I. S. U. of its racketeering top leadership; Scharrenberg, Larsen, McGovern etc. The rank and file of the Sailors' Union of San Pedro and the Firemen's Union in San Francisco and Seattle have already voted demanding Scharrenberg's resignation. This move must be followed by every marine craft. But it should not be limited to demands or requests. Practical steps should be taken to see that Scharrenberg is removed. If the constitution of the I. S. U. does not enable the rank and file to put the scabs under corrupt officials, then that constitution must be changed. And don't stop with Scharrenberg. Let that house cleaning include every one of his bureaucratic clique.

### BROKEN GLASS

The indomitable courage and gallantry of the Industrial Association, the American Legion, the Chamber of Commerce and other employers' groups, has just expressed itself in a daring attack on the Communist Party. A handful of hoodlums sneaked by the Workers' Bookshop in an automobile at nine o'clock on Saturday night, threw a couple of beer bottles through the windows and fled like deer.

Perhaps it is just as well to remind these hoodlums that the Workers' Bookshop, which is also the headquarters of the Communist Party and the editorial offices of the Western Worker, keeps a shotgun squad on the premises all night long. There is no case on record of Communists ever sneaking around putting bricks through windows or destroying property. However, the Communist Party does believe in defense. And if any of these hoodlums "dare devils" figure on more extensive vandalism than throwing bottles and then running, they had better fortify themselves with pie pans in the seats of their trousers.

### LABOR'S OWN DAY

Capitalism sees a rehearsal of its own funeral parade in the marches of workers which take place every May Day. No matter how brightly the first of May dawns, employers view it with displeasure.

May Day originated in America out of the struggle for an eight-hour day. Later it was adopted by the working classes of all countries as a day commemorating the struggle of the International working class.

Whatever political differences exist between working class organizations are set aside on this day as all unite in demonstrations of class solidarity. In all the cities of the world, delegates from workers groups are meeting to plan marches for this May first. In San Francisco, the May Day Conference is planning a parade up Market Street from the Embarcadero, an open air meeting on Marshall Green and a mass meeting to protest the C. S. Law in the evening.

Some of the slogans under which labor will march this year are:

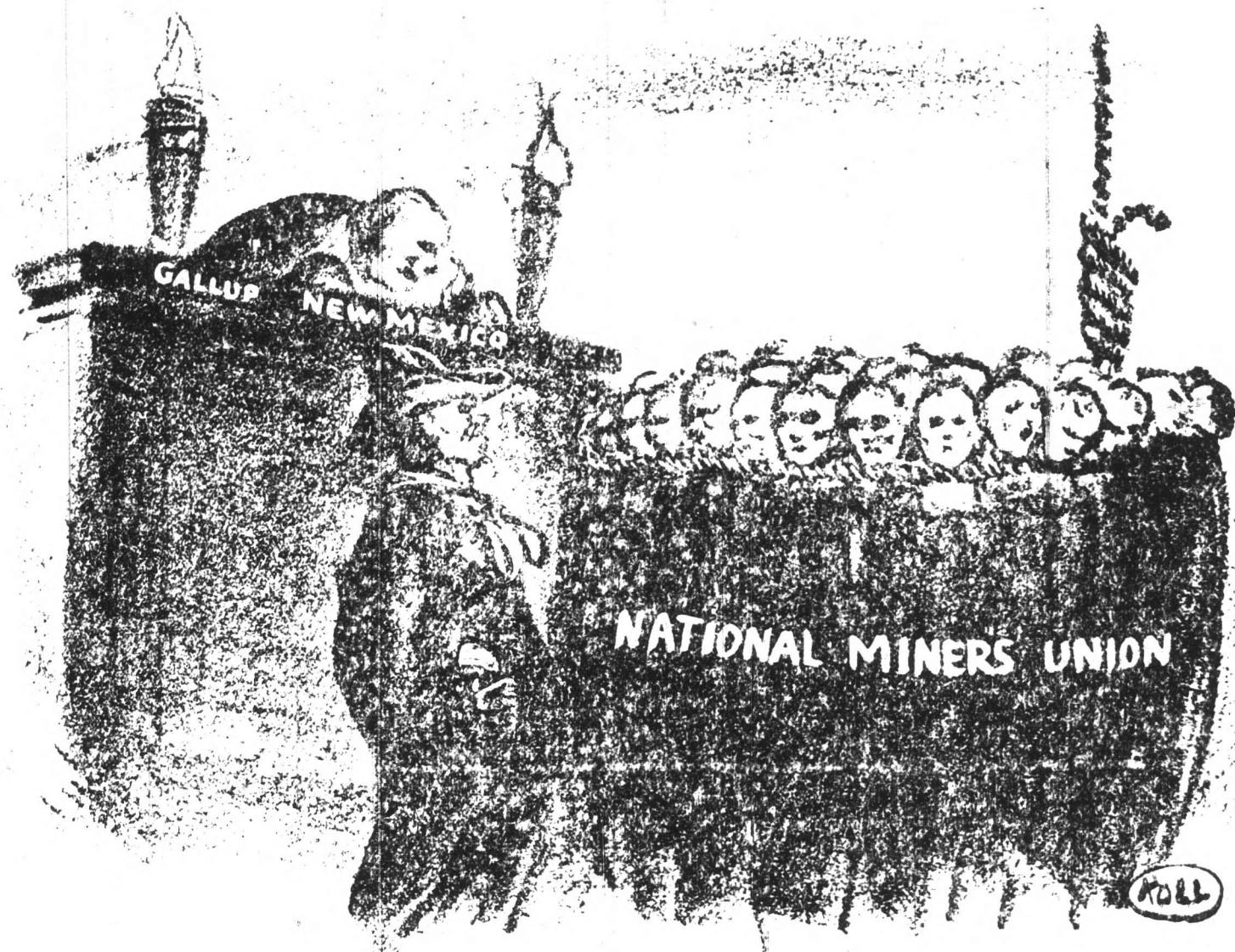
FOR UNEMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL INSURANCE.  
AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM.  
FOR THE FREEDOM OF TOM MOONEY, THE SACRAMENTO C. S. PRISONERS AND ALL OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS.  
FOR THE REPEAL OF THE C. S. LAW.

COMMUNIST PARTY, U. S. A.,  
37 Grove Street,  
San Francisco, Calif.

[ ] I want more information about the Party.  
[ ] I want to join the Party.

Name.....  
Address.....  
City.....

### Free The Gallup Prisoners



## American Student in Moscow

By Walter O'Rourke.

This letter, describing the November 7th Celebration, is the fourth of a series by Milton O'Rourke, a former student of the University of California, who is at present studying science and philosophy in the Soviet Union.

Moscow, Nov. 10, 1934.  
Dear Comrade:

I wasn't able to get a ticket to the Red Square for the 7th, but don't be dismayed, because, in spite of that, the experience of being on the streets of Moscow on the day the working class celebrates its revolutionary victory was overwhelming. Being excluded from the Square isn't like being outside the circus when the show is on. The whole city is the amphitheatre, and the whole populace turns out to participate in the greatest triumphal demonstration the world has ever seen. It is most dramatic and impressive where its whole force concentrates in the Red Square, of course. And I should have liked a close-up of Stalin and the Central Executive Committee in the flesh.

#### Outside the Square

However, there are some real advantages in being away from this concentrated center. You are much nearer to the people, physically and emotionally, and have, therefore, the best opportunity to appraise their real mood. The scene is more varied off the Square than on it. On the Square, the crystallized enthusiasm is repeated, naturally, by each new group of marchers. But in the streets, one has a chance to see the people in constantly varying attitudes. Also, no one in America can possibly discount or minimize my story of the October Celebration on the ground that I saw something staged, formal, forced; that under the eye of Stalin and the foreign diplomats everyone would, of course, have to appear enthusiastic to escape the G.P.C. horrors.

November 7th was clear and beautiful, a perfect holiday. The windows of one side of the New Moscow Hotel, where I am still incarcerated by the housing situation in Moscow, command a fine view of the streets leading to the Red Square, and even a little corner of the Square itself. I knew someone who lived on that side, and "took up position" on the window sill to watch the military parade.

Workers and Soldiers  
At ten o'clock sharp a row of cannon behind the Kremlin wall fired their salutes, and in five or ten minutes the compact infantry columns began to move off the Square and down the side streets. After them, and more exciting, the cavalry charged down the sloping streets. Several troops rode past directly under the hotel windows. They looked solid and formidable on their big horses, long overcoats falling almost to their spurs, rifles slung over their shoulders, and big sabers swinging at their belts—So far a typical military parade.

Then—it looked as though more infantry battalions were moving down the streets on either side of the turbaned St. Basil's. But their uniforms weren't brown. As they came closer you saw that they wore no uniforms, but there were rifles with bayonets fixed slung over their shoulders.

ARMED WORKERS! TEN

THOUSAND OF THEM. The concrete expression of government by the working-class. There can be no question of it once you have seen these factory militia men. They marched within fifty feet of the Central Executive Committee and they could have bagged all its members within five minutes, much more easily than those same men captured the Provisional Government seventeen years ago.

#### To Defend The Revolution

The display of modern mechanized weapons of warfare was impressive, and I could have affectionately patted every unit of it that passed. Light amphibian tanks with two heavy machine guns mounted on the turrets were the last word in mobility. They



moved down the street at about thirty miles an hour, stopped within a few feet when they put on the brakes, got under way with surprising speed, and turned sharp corners. A heavier type, something like a big wheeler, carried a fairly large size cannon, as well as a machine gun. They also were capable of good speed. Then there was a giant type, heavily armored, with big guns.

Suddenly the sky was swarming with aeroplanes, big bombing bombers, and pursuit planes. Tell me not to worry about the speed of Russian military aircraft—they are as fast as any I've seen. Other branches of the land forces kept pavement rumbling. Horse-drawn gun carriages, armored cars and motorized artillery. I gleated over every piece, for each gave a greater assurance that the armed section of the world proletariat could defend the conquest and freedom it had gained. And this is tantamount to saying that it can assure the ultimate triumph of world revolution.

#### To Build Socialism

After the Revolution had shown its power to defend itself, it demonstrated, and rejoiced in, its power to build and create. The working men and women and the children of Moscow lifted their banners and slogans, and shouldered models of their industrial and scientific accomplishments, and literally poured through the streets. I left the hotel, and entering the stream bobbed around in its currents, eddies and rapids for two or three hours.

The first crowd that I joined had already marched through the Red Square. As I crossed one of the bridges over the river, I could see the dense mass coming and going, moving, filling the street as if it were a liquid. The mood of the people was one of great festivity. The first thing I could be sure of was that they were celebrating something that had a vital meaning to them, something that represented not only victory, but aspiration. No, this was not a "legal holiday"—it was a universal birthday. But there was no hysteria, as on the 16th of September in Mexico, no shrill screams of drunk-en behavior.

And there was no official oratory to tell them what the day meant. Rather, they seemed to be filled to overflowing with a deep happiness. They came with accordions and guitars. As they surged along the streets with music and song. The songs at this point were more organized than the marching—people just sang. And they

danced, in various national and peasant costumes, and in their ordinary clothes.

#### Happy People

After being jostled along by these people for a few blocks, I entered a street along which new thousands were marching toward the Red Square. I stood on the curb and watched them pass, rank after rank, for over an hour. With their thousands of banners and miniature autos, tractors, and dirigibles raised, they looked like a conquering army fresh from a hundred victories. And they bore themselves as conquerors, except that, while they marched with their heads high and with firm, quick steps, as those with great confidence in their strength march, there was no air of harshness or sternness about them. Naturally, for their victory was in having raised, and not razed cities.

And the following, I believe, is of great importance: I scanned each row of faces that marched past, for they were tables of living statistics which would reflect the position of the revolution in its journey to socialist well-being for the masses. I am sure of what I saw. There was no scrawny, tight-belted grimace. The faces were relaxed. More, they were plainly jubilant.

#### Socialist Progress

Not that their lives are not difficult still, or that they do not lack many things that go to make up a twenty-dollar a week standard of living in Los Angeles. But they have experienced enough improvement in the last few years to assure them of a consistent and accelerating improvement in the future. Collectivization has won out in the country. The factories are increasing their output every month, and new factories are everywhere being built. The stores are full of things this year. The equipment of the Red Army is not inferior to that of any army.

Everywhere, in a thousand different places, and in a thousand different ways, they see the might of their collective labor. Next year every gain will be further consolidated, and a thousand new gains will be made. The subway will run; ships from the Caspian will dock at Moscow; the Donbas railway will be finished; a hundred thousand new machines will start in a hundred new factories; thousands of workmen will move into new, modern apartments; there will be new editions of books, new theatres, new schools and laboratories.

#### Two Worlds Compared

This was a city rejoicing in creativeness. It was impossible to imagine it. It is electrifying to



experience. The capitalist world may well tremble and grow jittery at the spectacle of two million people pouring through the streets proclaiming by their banners, songs and bearing: WE ARE BUILDING, AND THERE IS NO FORTRESS THE BOLSHEVIKS CANNOT TAKE.

As I read this over it seems to describe and express the reality

## WORKERS' OPEN FORUM

### THE LEAVINGS OF RATS

Editor Western Worker: I am a worker interested in the repeal of the C. S. Law and attended the meet recently at Dreamland Auditorium, which was an eye opener for diversity of groups opposed to that fascist law. Among the outstanding speakers was Caroline Decker.

Imagine my surprise, and that of my mates, when we came out after the meeting and received leaflets on line paper in good print, expensive, justifying the rat Mini and his attorney, and sneering Decker and the C. P. in a very slick, plausible manner, so much so that when workers on the front asked me later, what about this at that point, I am left dumb for an answer, not knowing all the angles behind the scenes.

You are our voice and it's up to you to furnish us a short, clear, decisive answer to these insects on the specific questions raised. Short because there is too much important work going on, to waste too much time for cock roaches.

#### A LONGSHOREMAN

#### ANSWER:

It is impossible to have a revolutionary party unless you expel all the muck out of its ranks. The Communist Party expels disrupters, careerists and all counter-revolutionary elements as fast as they are uncovered. These elements find their way into the ranks of the Trotskyites (Workers' Party) and devote themselves to a campaign of slander and disruption against the Communist Party and the working class.

You should not have been surprised to see their lying filth appear in the form of leaflets any more than you should be surprised by the editorials of Hearst. Neither Hearst's editorials nor the Trotskyite propaganda are anything but pine dreams invented out of viciousness. Consequently there is no limit to the number of preposterousness of them.

You did not enclose a copy of the leaflet in question. However, it was doubtless a rehash of their invented rumor that Caroline Decker and other defendants in the C. S. case looked with favor on the Party and were against the Party. This is sheer nonsense. A month or so ago we published a signed statement from the defendants, including Decker, repudiating this lie and telling the disrupters where to get off at.

The Trotskyites made a strenuous effort to use the C. S. trial as a wedge to disrupt the Party, but they were kicked back into their holes by the defendants themselves. Norman Mini, one of the defendants, is a Trotskyite. This is what provided them their opening. Jack Warnick, another defendant made a statement to the capitalist press disagreeing with the policy of the Western Worker when it characterized Norman Mini's twenty page statement of information to the prosecution as a "stool pigeon statement." All of the other defendants condemned Warnick for issuing this statement. Warnick himself denies any connection with the Trotskyites.

This is the whole basis for their hysterical campaign of lies. A Party devoting itself to the struggle of the working class must inevitably have enemies. The lying campaigns of both Hearst and the Trotskyites are expressions of the degeneracy and immorality of their class.

## Answers

### To Questions On Page 4:

- 1.—On this day we commemorate the death of three great revolutionaries who died during the month of January. Lenin, Leibknecht and Luxemburg. It is known as the Three L. (L.L.L.) day.
- 2.—March 8th is International Women's Day.
- 3.—This is the day on which we celebrate the anniversary of the Paris Commune, the first dictatorship of the proletariat, which was established in 1871 and lasted seventy-two days.
- 4.—On April 5, 1917 the United States entered the World War. The week from April 6 to 12 is now set aside by the students for a period of intensive struggle against war. The student strikes on April 12 of this year involved more than 150,000 students.
- 5.—May 1st is International Labor Day. It originated in the struggle in the United States for the eight-hour day. At present, it is a day of international one-day strikes and demonstrations of labor for better conditions.
- 6.—National Youth Day. The main slogan on this day of anti-war demonstrations is "Turn Memorial Day into Anti-War Day." Whereas formerly the demonstrations on this day were carried on by the Young Communist League, the date has now been taken over by the American Youth Congress.
- 7.—July 5 has been set aside as a day of general strike of the waterfront in San Francisco. It is to commemorate the two workers murdered by the San Francisco police during the strike last year.
- 8.—August 1 is International Anti-War Day. Anti-war demonstrations take place throughout the world, under the leadership of the Communist International.
- 9.—September 1 is International Youth Day. The entire week beginning with this date is set aside by the Young Communist International for signal actions and demonstrations against war. It originated during the world war. We often hear it referred to as the October Revolution. This is due to the old Russian Calendar, according to which the revolution took place in October.

Comradely,

scrupulousness of all foes of the working class.

M. Q.

To the Editor of the Western Worker:

In your issue of April 4, 1935, contained in a "Statement by the District Committee, District 13, Communist Party, U. S. A.," is an appeal to Epic workers and others to join in helping to make the May 1 demonstration a success.

In the aforementioned statement is one that reads, "Instead, you and your class interests were sacrificed to the political ambitions and literary salesmanship of your former leader."

In an effort to disabuse the minds of all concerned concerning the identity of the present labor leader of the Epic worker, the "Epic Veterans of America," have no hesitancy in acknowledging Upton Sinclair, and hereby notify the Western Worker, and others that might be interested that the "Epic Veterans of America" will take no part in any activity wherein the Communist Party is represented in the future unless and until the entire contents of this communication is published on the front page of the Western Worker.

Epic Veterans of America,  
Chairman: E. Korenko,  
Secretary: G. McCarthy.

P.S.—In the event the Western Worker does not see fit to print the above communication, a copy will be forwarded to the "Epic News," where we believe it will get consideration.

#### NOTE:

In publishing the above communication, the Western Worker does not bow in humility before the indignation of the "Epic Veterans," nor does it retract any of its condemnation of the class collaborationist "leadership" of Upton Sinclair. Repeated refusal by Sinclair to join in any United Front movement with militant working class organizations, his verbal whitewashing of the vilest violence which was used as a means of breaking the General Strike, his constant efforts to lure workers from militant struggle and sidetrack them into ineffective compromise demands, are all sufficient reasons for the Western Worker's firm stand against him. However, it is for the Epic Veterans themselves to repudiate or endorse such leadership. The Western Worker has no intention of doing this for them.

Whatever political differences may exist among working class organizations, is no stumbling block to their joining in common demonstration on the greatest working class day on the calendar, May Day. The very meaning of a United Front is that working class groups join hands on certain fundamental issues on which they are all agreed, without either repudiating differences or letting them interfere with the Front. The Communist Party, in joining a United Front May Day demonstration with Epic groups, certainly does not abandon its own convictions and adopt the Epic program. Nor does any other group relinquish their principles.

Finally, in publishing this letter, we are not bargaining with the Epic Veterans for their participation in May Day. May Day is a day belonging to the working class. It is the duty of every workers' group to turn out on this day—and it is in their own interests.

M. Q.

## The Latest Lies from the Capitalist Press

By COOLEY

The Hearst-owned San Francisco Call-Bulletin of April 12 reports that Grover Whalen "... knows of no man who has served his country and his profession more honorably than William Randolph Hearst." On that point of "serving his country" we'll have to have the word of somebody besides Mr. Whalen; but we'll never deny that Hearst has served his profession "honorably." If lying is a profession then Hearst's wholehearted devotion to it can be called honorable.

Hearst has many imitators, but no competitors in the field of falsehood. A comparison between him and any other outstanding liar quickly shows his preeminence. Emma Goldman, who hasn't told the truth since she left the Soviet Union during the civil war and famine there sixteen years ago, has just come out in the American Mercury with the "lie of the month." Her fantastic tales about oppression and starvation in Russia were very ably done and definitely establish her position in the world as a first rate liar. And Hearst, who hasn't told the truth since the day he was born, demonstrated his superior talents by reprinting her stuff in a full-page editorial and improved his opportunity by asking us what we have to say in defense of Communist Russia now that Emma Goldman, an outstanding American Communist for many years, has this to say about the place.

Which put him one up on Emma, who is not and never was a Communist, and was "eased" out of the Soviet Union because the workers couldn't stand her particularly silly brand of anarchism.

The Oakland Tribune didn't do so bad with this: "A new decree in Russia insists that children 12 years of age and over shall be cited for crimes and liable for the full penalties of the law, including capital punishment, the same as adults. One wonders if this is to be another law to be held up by defenders of Russia as pointing the way to enlightenment! Etc., etc., etc."

The one who wrote that worded it rather cunningly, with the idea of putting a class conscious worker on the defense. Instead of asking if you believe that such a law was passed he tells you it was and asks you what you have to say in defense of it. And if you never heard of the law it's a cinch you'll set yourself all tanned up if you try to figure out how a workers' republic could do such a thing as hang a twelve year old child for some "crime." And since such a law was never passed you naturally never heard of it and know nothing about it and have no way of satisfactorily explaining it. So the smart editorial writer says he's got you hooked because you can't explain his latest lapse from the truth.

The Brawley, Calif., News says Chief of Police James E. Davis of Los Angeles "... charged that Communists, through a nationwide organization, were making rapid headway in breaking down the resistance of the American people to revolutionary propaganda. And thousands of Americans are being taught to throw the American flag in the dirt, trample it, spit upon it and renounce all that it stands for. Hundreds of thousands of American school children go through this ritual every day, just as they were previously taught to pledge allegiance to the flag."

Which leads us to wonder what Chief Davis consider "revolutionary propaganda." And will he please show us a picture of just ONE school child trampling the flag under foot?

The lie that Communists trample the flag under foot is as old as the lie that they advocate, or even approve of "free love."

A war-broken veteran in Los Angeles has trampled the flag under-foot at a celebration by the same army in which he faithfully served to the wreckage of his health and nerves. When it was discovered that he was registered as a Communist voter the capitalist papers howled their heads off: Communist Tramples Flag Under Foot.

He is not a Communist, even though he has learned the Communist Party is one that will not betray him. And we neither condemn nor condemn his bitter and despairing gesture against the Capitalist government which fed his very life to the capitalists on the field of battle and then threw him, broken, into the ranks of the cheated and robbed.